

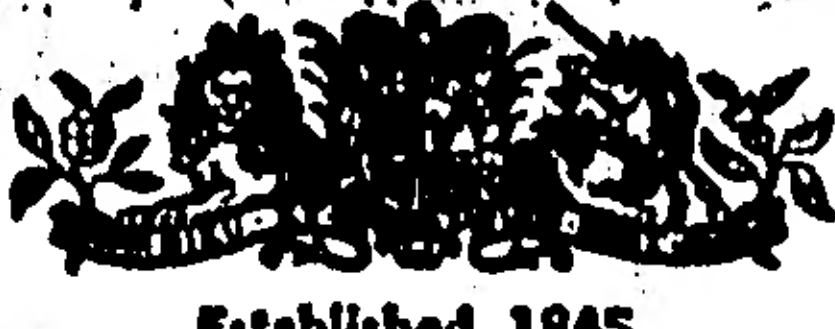
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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Staff Talks

THE forthcoming five-power staff talks in Washington are unquestionably an important development in the search by the Western allies for a modus vivendi leading to the effective safeguarding of Southeast Asia from further Communist aggression. Nevertheless, they must be correctly evaluated as to what they can and cannot achieve. They cannot, for example, commit any of the participating governments either in policy or action. Sir Winston Churchill has agreed to the talks because they meet his condition that there should be no meetings at Government level for discussions on an armed alliance on Mr. Dulles' lines until and unless the Geneva conference fails. Thus the staff talks will simply be a meeting of an existing agency and it will not be the duty of the officers attending to decide whether an alliance should be formed, but rather to advise the government, concerned how such an alliance could be made to work from the military viewpoint. And the military viewpoint will be focused around three considerations: firstly, where a military defence line must be drawn in Southeast Asia; secondly, what forces would be required to hold the Communists in the designated area, thirdly what proportion of those forces each of the five powers—United States, France, Britain, Australia and New Zealand—can supply.

IN the main the Washington staff talks will be exploratory, and on this basis they can be conducted without prejudice to the Geneva conference, and without compromising the official British position. It is plain, however, that American opinion is impatient over British policy, and it cannot be said that President Eisenhower yesterday did anything to relieve the atmosphere with the suggestion that a Southeast Asia alliance could be created without Britain's membership. The implication is that Australia and New Zealand would be willing to disassociate themselves with British policy on this subject—an assumption for which there is no justification. Both Australia and New Zealand have fully identified themselves with the British Government's attitude on the Dulles plan, and no grounds exist for any official in the United States, from President Eisenhower down, to believe that Britain and her Commonwealth partners will split on the issue. The British viewpoint, for which no apology is needed, is that the Southeast Asia alliance calls for decisions of far-reaching consequences, and therefore they must be made only after careful and thoughtful approach work has been completed.



SENATOR MCCARTHY

De Valera's Election Losses

Dublin, May 19. Premier Eamon de Valera's Party appeared to be losing tonight in its bid to retain control of the Irish government.

With more than two-thirds of the contests decided in yesterday's election for a new Parliament, returns late tonight gave Mr. de Valera's Fianna Fail Party 41 seats to 56 for the combined opposition. A total of 146 seats are at stake.

Mr. de Valera's Party lost five seats to the Opposition, led by the Fine Gael Party of ex-Premier John Costello. Mr. Costello is favoured to succeed the 71-year-old Premier if he should topple from power.

The conservative Irish Times said it "seemed clear" the Fine Gael and other Opposition Parties would win enough seats in the new Dail (Parliament) to form a coalition government.

Mr. de Valera was re-elected, but lost 1,172 votes. In the constituency which has elected him to Parliament for 37 years, Mr. Costello's Party also scored big popular vote gains in other areas at the expense of Mr. de Valera.—United Press.

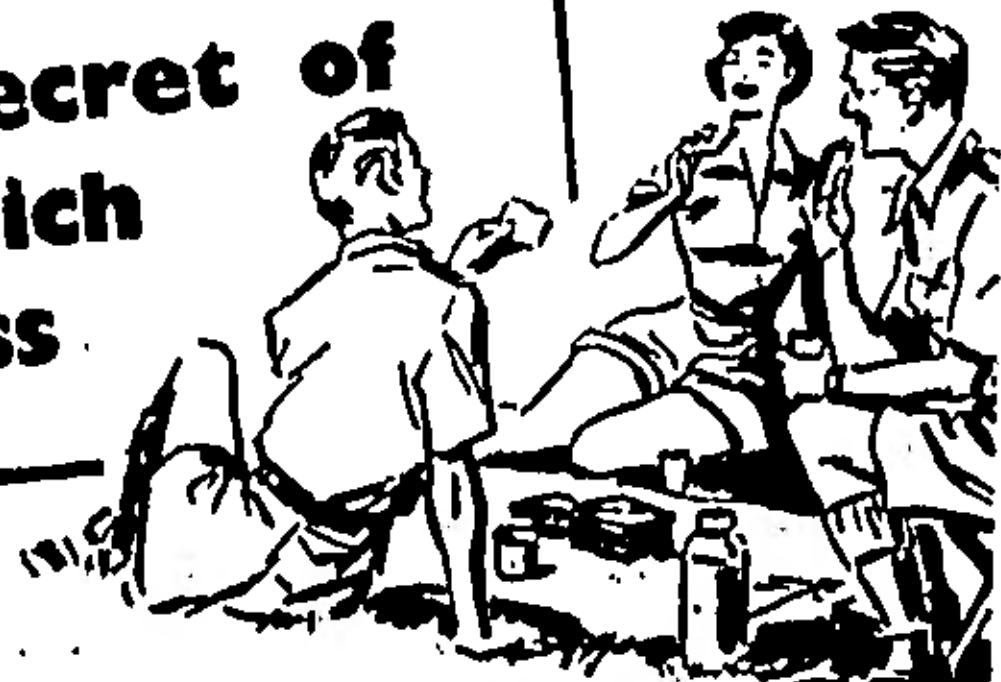
The Queen Goes On Holiday

London, May 20. Queen Elizabeth left London last night for a short holiday in Scotland after attending a glittering "welcome home" luncheon in the City of London.

Accompanied by her young children, the Queen boarded the Royal train which drew out on its 500-mile journey north to the cheers of thousands of Londoners massed round the platform approaches.

The Duke of Edinburgh flies north today to join the Queen, Prince Charles and Princess Anne at the Royal Castle of Balmoral, which stands among the rolling hills of the Scottish highlands.—Reuters.

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MCCARTHY ASSAILS BRITAIN

Planning To Ship Arms To Red China, Charge

SENATOR'S INTERPRETATION OF PETER THORNEYCROFT SPEECH

Washington, May 19.

Senator Joseph McCarthy today charged that Britain planned to ship war weapons to the Chinese Communists and demanded that United States aid to any ally trading with China be halted.

In a speech to the Senate, he repeated his earlier assertions that the "blood trade" with China could be stopped and a blockade imposed if the United States would inform its Allies that they would not get "one cent of American money so long as they either shipped goods to Red China or allow their ships to be used to carry cargoes to Red China."

In an attack on Britain, Senator McCarthy quoted a House of Commons statement by Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, as saying that while controls must be maintained on exports of goods which would add directly and significantly to the Soviet bloc military capabilities, especially of course in unconventional weapons, substantial relaxation of controls on other goods and an expansion of civilian trade should be sought.

"You will note his statement that controls should be maintained especially on the shipment of unconventional weapons," the Senator said. "Now what is a conventional weapon? Certainly artillery, tanks, anti-aircraft guns, radar, jet planes are all conventional weapons."

The statement in the British House of Commons on the banning of shipments of unconventional weapons of war, he said, had only one meaning to him: "Namely that they plan to ship conventional weapons of war."

He added: "Of course, there is the usual gobbledygook, the qualifying phrase, of course, 'we will ship nothing which endangers our security.'"

Noting that the Thorneycroft statement had been disseminated by the British Information Service, Senator McCarthy said: "I repeat that unless they plan to ship some weapons of war, this statement about the ban on unconventional weapons would be surplusage and the British Information Service would not pick it up."

The Senator said he had tried to find out from the Foreign Operations Administration details of the shipments by allied countries to the Soviet bloc and Communist China, but had been told in effect that this was none of the business of the Congress of the American people.

"I ask any member of this Senate or any American, if you can think of any reason God's earth why we should send billion dollars to nations which in turn are shipping 'conventional' weapons of war to an enemy who is presently directing the war in Indo-China—a war in which our American young men may have to fight and die," the Senator passionately declared.

"WE DON'T KNOW"

"Will the wound of an American young man be less deep, will his blood flow less freely in the jungles of Indo-China if it has been caused by a conventional weapon supplied by our Allies rather than an unconventional weapon?"

Later in his speech the Senator said: "What materials our Allies are shipping to the Communist bloc nations we don't know, because those in charge have taken the position under oath that it would be a violation of security to have the United States Congress and the American people know what our Allies are shipping to our enemies."

As the Senator rose to speak the Ailing resident of the Senate warned the public, filling a little more than half of the gallery seats, against any demonstration. About half of the Senate's 90 members were present.

Discussing the use of Allied ships to carry goods from Communist bloc nations to Communist China, Senator McCarthy said his committee had found that during the Korean war approximately 70 per cent of the goods entering Chinese ports flew the flags of allies receiving American aid.

He said that if Moscow wished to send supplies to China and a Polish or a Russian vessel was not available to carry them, they could charter a Norwegian, a French or a British ship to carry the cargo.

GIVES EXAMPLE

As an example of the use of allied ships to carry cargoes for the Chinese Communists up and down the China coast, Senator McCarthy said that early in 1953 a British ship was employed in transporting cargoes from one Communist port to another.

He said that when a British ship picked up a cargo at a Communist port and unloaded it at a Chinese port there was no way of knowing what was in the hold of the ship except by examining the ship's manifest and it was impossible to know whether the cargo listed on the manifest was true or false.

The Senator flourished a document which he said was the manifest of a British ship flying the Greek flag, carrying material to the Communist port of Whampoa in Red China.

This manifest, indicated that the cargo was some 10,000 tons of fertilizer, he said. The vessel was not to touch United States, Canadian, Philippine or Japanese ports and must not proceed by way of the Panama Canal.

"Surely, if this British vessel were only carrying fertilizer, there would have been no need to fear inspection by American, Canadian, Philippine or Japanese port officials," he said.

Senator McCarthy said that if the Communists were in control of Indo-China this would be "the gravest threat ever posed to the United States."

"If, as Vice President Nixon says, there is a possibility of American younger men fighting and dying in Indo-China... then it is criminal folly to give money to Allies who are shipping the sinews of military and economic strength to our enemies," Senator McCarthy said.

"It should be crystal clear to even the blind that this Congress has no choice but to take action—not next year or next month—but the earliest conceivable moment."

"FANTASTIC" STATEMENT

Later the British Information Service received a number of enquiries about Senator McCarthy's interpretation of Mr. Thorneycroft's statement of March 30 as meaning that Britain was planning to ship war weapons to the Chinese Communists.

The BIS pointed out that Mr. Thorneycroft had made it very clear in his speech that Britain had no such plan and was in fact maintaining controls on both conventional and unconventional weapons and materials.

Mr. Harold Stassen, the Foreign Aid Administrator, said in a statement later that Senator McCarthy's criticism of trade controls was "fantastic, unbelievable and untrue."

"We are steadily building for peace under President Eisenhower's leadership while Senator McCarthy is frantically reaching for diversionary headlines after the sorry spectacle of his record in the recent hearings," he added.

He was apparently referring to the adjourned McCarthy-Army hearings.—Reuters.

Later Mr. Stassen's office issued this paragraph for inclusion in his statement: "The shipment of weapons of any type, conventional or unconventional, to Red China, the Soviet Union, North Korea or any Communist country, has been banned, is banned and will continue to be banned by the United States by Great Britain and by all cooperating countries of the free world."

Geneva: Nothing To Report

Geneva, May 19.

The secret talks on an Indo-China armistice made no progress in their third session here today, and the nine delegations will have a "day off" tomorrow, with no meetings on either Indo-China or Korea, according to conference sources.

Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, was authoritatively reported to have said after the session that he hoped the next meeting, on Friday, could get down to the task of reconciling the French and Vietnamese peace proposals.

The Vietnamese Deputy Premier, Mr. Phan Van Dong, is reported to have maintained the position which led to deadlock at yesterday's session—that "home grown" rebel movements in the two smaller Associated Indo-China States of Laos and Cambodia were so strong that the two states should be included in an overall Indo-China political settlement.

The Cambodian Foreign Minister, Mr. Tep Phan, is said to have retorted that the local rebel movements were not a political force without Vietnamese aid, and the West is understood to be so strongly opposed to the Communist demand that it is prepared to make the issue a breaking point in the negotiations.

FOUR MOVES

Diplomatic sources say the anti-Communist powers are between them planning four moves to strengthen their hand at the talks and to prepare for the situation which would result from a breakdown of negotiations.

They are: high level military planning on the Southeast Asian situation, creation of a Southeast Asian defence alliance, possible American intervention in Indo-China under certain conditions, and the building up of the Vietnamese national army.

But it is understood that the powers concerned are united in approving only the first proposal, for military planning. One or other of them objects to each of the other plans.

The French and Vietnamese had their first formal and direct meeting—apart from the wrangles at the Indo-China talks—when officers from both sides met today to discuss the dispute over the evacuation of wounded from Dien Bien Phu. French spokesmen said the meeting did not imply French recognition of the Vietnamese but was "formal and even courteous." The two officers shook hands afterwards and would meet again later, he said.—Reuters.

£7-Million Trade Deal With Russia

Moscow, May 19.

A British businessman tonight announced the conclusion of a £7 million contract to supply textile machinery to Russia.

It is believed to be the biggest single order placed by the Soviet Union with British traders since the war.

Mr. J. C. Seward, Director of Platts Bros. of Oldham, who initiated the contract after weeks of almost endless discussion at the Soviet Foreign Trade Ministry, said he had negotiated the deal on behalf of his own and other companies each of which would manufacture complete machines.

Mr. Seward did not disclose the exact figure on the contract, but said it was approximately seven million pounds and included a subsidiary contract for textile machinery worth about £1,250,000 which he negotiated when he visited Moscow for three weeks in January.

Yorkshire and Lancashire companies associated in the contract would provide the Russians with machines for cotton and worsted spinning, weaving and finishing industries.

Mr. Seward said British deliveries would start at the end of this year, and would be spread over a two-year period.

ORDER APPROVED

The Soviet order has been approved by the British Government.

Strategic considerations were not involved.

Russia needs textile machinery for new mills which are being built to increase the output of clothing.

This is part of a consumer goods drive in which the Soviet people have been promised a wide range of better quality products within the next two to three years.

Mr. Seward said: "The negotiations started in Moscow in January and since that time our engineers have formed a high opinion of the knowledge and authority of Russian textile engineers."

"We found the Russian negotiators well informed, very keen, and businesslike and fair."

"We were very pleased our negotiations have ended successfully in accordance with the views expressed by the two governments to see an increase in East-West trade."—Reuters.

Furniture Vans Hired By The BR

London, May 19.

Fleets of furniture vans hired by British Railways today cleared mounting piles of mail bags and parcels from London's strike-hit Paddington station, main line terminal for the west of England.

Airliners stood by for the second night running for an emergency air lift of newspapers from the capital to West country towns.

Skeleton services in operation throughout the west half of England and South Wales were cut back further as the strike, involving about 1,500 railwaymen, showed signs of persisting.

The strikers, engine drivers and firemen from three major depots in the western region, stopped work two days after a protest against new pay arrangements. Proposals were that they should sleep away from home between shifts more often. The men claim the new system, approved by their unions, should be on a voluntary basis. A further 600 locomotive men in Cardiff were considering support for the strikers tonight.—Reuters.

Heroic Nurse Refuses Repatriation

Paris, May 20. Nurse Genevieve De Galard, heroine of Dien Bien Phu, has turned down an offer of repatriation and will remain in the fortress tending the wounded, it was reported here last night.

The 29-year-old nurse, only woman in Dien Bien Phu for the last five weeks of the siege, said she would stay behind until the evacuation of seriously wounded is complete, these reports added.

A Vietnamese spokesman at the Geneva conference on the Far East said earlier in the day that the Vietnamese High Command was willing to release the nurse, a lieutenant in the French Air Force.

But she told Vietnamese officers at Dien Bien Phu that she was prepared to return to Hanoi with the last helicopter carrying wounded. They were said to have agreed that she could leave Dien Bien Phu at any time she wishes.—Reuters.

Vietnamese In Hanoi On Edge

Hanoi, May 19.

The Vietnamese population here were on edge today and alarming rumours were circulated coinciding with the Vietnamese leader Ho Chi-minh's birthday and also with the arrival of Generals Ely, Salan and Pelissier and Navarre.

All the normal security measures were taken by the Vietnamese government and police were reinforced. On the other hand, French Union forces were not standing by as usual happens when the French authorities expect disturbances.

In spite of the Vietnamese pamphlets warning not to work today, the Vietnamese lorry drivers reported for work as usual and waited for the Hanoi-Haiphong road to be opened at mid-day.

The arrival of the group of Generals following the negotiations at Dien Bien Phu increased rumours that the evacuation of the Red River Delta by French troops had been planned and that severe regrouping measures were to be taken.

However, government circles here commented that the little panic was not to be taken too seriously, pointing out that it was organised by the Vietnamese every year on Ho Chi-minh's birthday.—France-Press.

Invasion Of Tachen Expected

NATIONALISTS' STRONGHOLD

Taipei, May 20.

An anticipated invasion of the Chinese Nationalists' Tachen Island stronghold by the Chinese Communists within 48 hours has caused an evacuation of all non-combatants from the area, it was reported today.

The elder son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Chiang Ching-kuo, head of the Nationalists' security force, rushed to the island, according to authoritative reports, and ordered it cleared of non-combatants.

Both naval and air battles have raged around the islands during the past week. The Tachen Islands are approximately 200 miles south of Shanghai and part of the "invasion bridge" to Formosa. Nationalist leaders admit the loss of the Tachen group would seriously reduce their outpost defence network north of Formosa and hurt the blockade of the China coast.

There is a strict security blackout around the islands, where the Reds are reported exerting hard pressure on the scattered Nationalist outposts.

DOUBLING PATROLS

Air Force sources reported fighter patrols over the Nationalists' main island of Formosa would be doubled at dawn to guard against a possible sneak raid on Chiang Kai-shek's presidential inauguration on Friday.

The Air Force Commander, General Wang Shu-ming, also reported that an F-47 propeller-driven plane shot down a Communist MIG. This was the second time in history a propeller-driven craft has beaten a jet. One US plane performed the feat in the Korean war.

The Nationalists' bag for the week was reported as one MIG destroyed and two damaged. There were no reports of damage to the Nationalists.

The Communists did not send their naval strength out today.—United Press.

Korea Proposal Now Ready

Geneva, May 20.

The 16 non-Communist nations joint proposal on Korea is now ready, but will not be brought before the Geneva conference before next week, well-informed sources said here today.

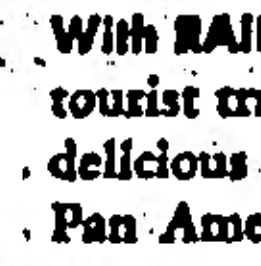
These sources said that the plan was largely inspired by the proposals made by Australian Minister for External Affairs Mr. Richard Casey for elections in both North and South Korea.—France-Press.

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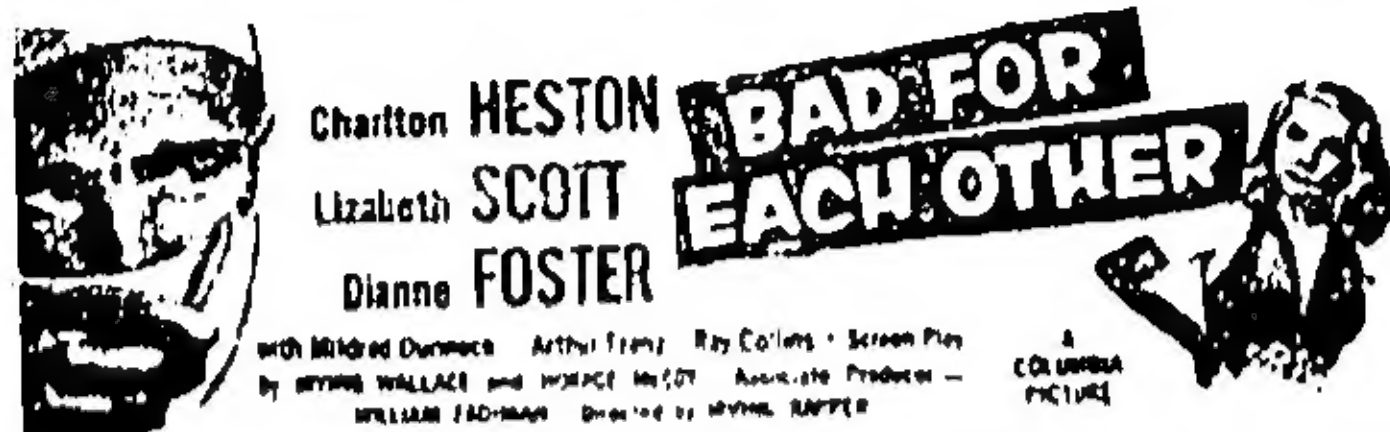
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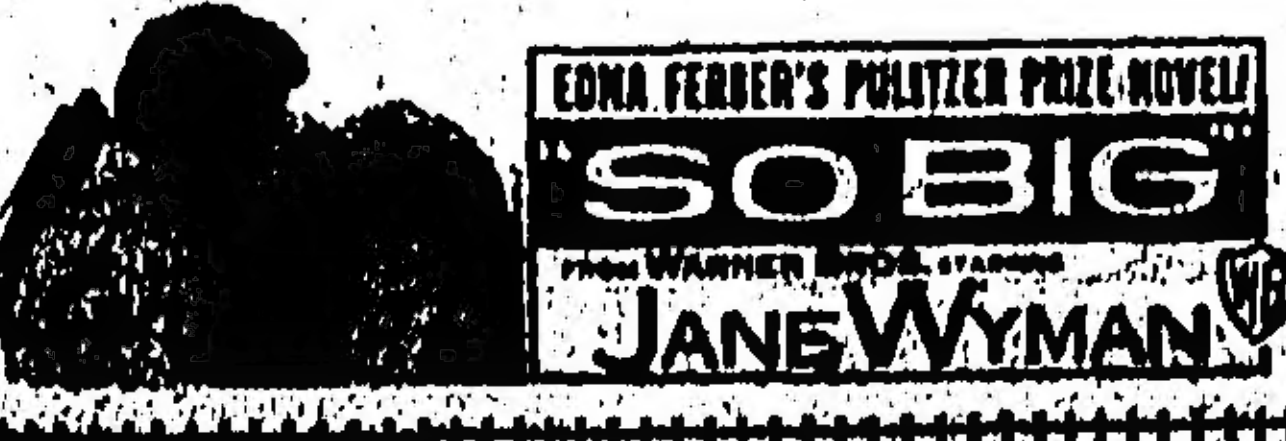
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This is the picture of trans-Atlantic air transport two or three years hence painted by the President of the International Civil Aviation Organisation, Dr Edward Warner, in his annual report released here today.

He briefly reviewed Britain's lead in the production of jet airliners and its setback when three British-built Comet airliners crashed through causes that still have not been determined.

He said British plans called for the construction of the 58-passenger Comet III, which will be able to fly "in excess of 300 miles per hour" and be able to make two trans-Atlantic trips in little more time than a piston-engine aircraft takes for one.

West Germany and Japan will soon compete heavily for a major role in the aviation industry, Dr Warner said.

Dr Warner, who has headed the United Nations specialised agency since it was formed here in 1947, devoted a large part of his report on civil aviation in 1953 to the two countries' return to the airline business.

He also said that airborne car ferries and international helicopter services had become commonplace and that speed no longer was an airline's target.

"The ability of high-speed aircraft to cover great distances at their maximum speed, and strictly in accordance with plan" now can be taken for granted, he said. But spectacular as have been the individual technical achievements of aviation, Dr Warner added, "it is to the day-to-day activity of aviation that we must look for its real contribution to our civilisation."

GERMANY WAITS

Dr Warner's report to the 62-nation organisation said that Japan, which before World War II operated no major international airline services, had licensed an airline which planned to operate to other Far Eastern points, the United States and Europe.

He said West Germany was marking time while it waited for a peace treaty to be signed. It had ordered eight airliners in the United States and was testing crews. Some were being trained in Britain, and

others were getting ground instruction in Germany.

At least six German airline routes were being planned, two of them trans-Atlantic to North and South America respectively, and four European routes to Paris, London, Rome and Cairo.

"Emphasis will apparently be on the Atlantic routes, since it is estimated that they will carry over 85 per cent of the country's total traffic," Dr Warner reported.

He did not mention airline plans in the Soviet zone of Germany.

Other sources said that the East Germans were rushing plans to start an airline before the West Germans get into business and to take the prestige German airline's name, "Deutsche Lufttransport"—United Press.

Australian Wines For The Queen

London, May 19.

The Lord Mayor of London broke with age-long tradition today and served Commonwealth wines instead of the usual French and German vineyard to Queen Elizabeth at a lunch here today.

The lunch was to welcome the Queen and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, back from their 50,000-mile tour of the Commonwealth.

Because Australia played so big a part in the Royal journey, Australian white wine and burgundy as well as Australian sherry was served.

Vary occasionally in the past, a South African liqueur has been served at one of the traditionally sumptuous banquets given by the Lord Mayor of London in the Mansion House.

But invariably, the wines have been French and German.—China Mail Special.



Light is normally to be expected from an electric lamp—but not the type of light being obtained by Sharon Lee Brumley of Cleveland, Ohio. She is using the General Electric Company's revolutionary infra-red lamp for lighting her cigarette. Radically different from infra-red lamps of the past—the new unit takes the form of a quartz tube rather than a glass bulb. The ruggedness, high efficiency and versatility of the new lamp are expected to find it wanted for scores of heating, cooking, baking and drying appliances.—Express Photo.

South Koreans Go To The Polls

Opposition Party Not To Boycott Elections

Seoul, May 19.

The leader of the opposition party and Speaker of the National Assembly, Mr P. H. Shinicky, said tonight, on the eve of the South Korean National Assembly election, that despite police intimidation party candidates would "stand and fight".

The opposition party (Democratic Nationalist Party) had threatened to boycott the election unless a free election atmosphere prevailed.

"We have decided to fight because the forces of democracy must prevail over undemocratic influences. I am sorry to say it, but South Korea is becoming a police state."

Mr Shinicky said that the police, by intimidation, had kept voters away from his election addresses.

"However, I continued to speak, even though only four or five old men came to hear me."

The Chief of the Korean National Police, Mr Kim Chang Hung, said today he was "deeply satisfied with the perfectly free atmosphere prevailing throughout the country".

The United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea, has observed the election campaign but was not big enough to be a factor in precluding police pressure.

UNCURK members will watch the voting tomorrow and later report to the United Nations General Assembly.

Australia will bear the brunt of the Commission's duties. Three Australians were sent to Korea from the Australian Embassy in Tokyo to help the Commission Chairman, Mr Max Loveday of Australia, to cover at least the Seoul and Pusan area.

Five other members of the Commission (from Chile, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand) will attempt to see as much of the election in the country areas as they are able.—Reuters.

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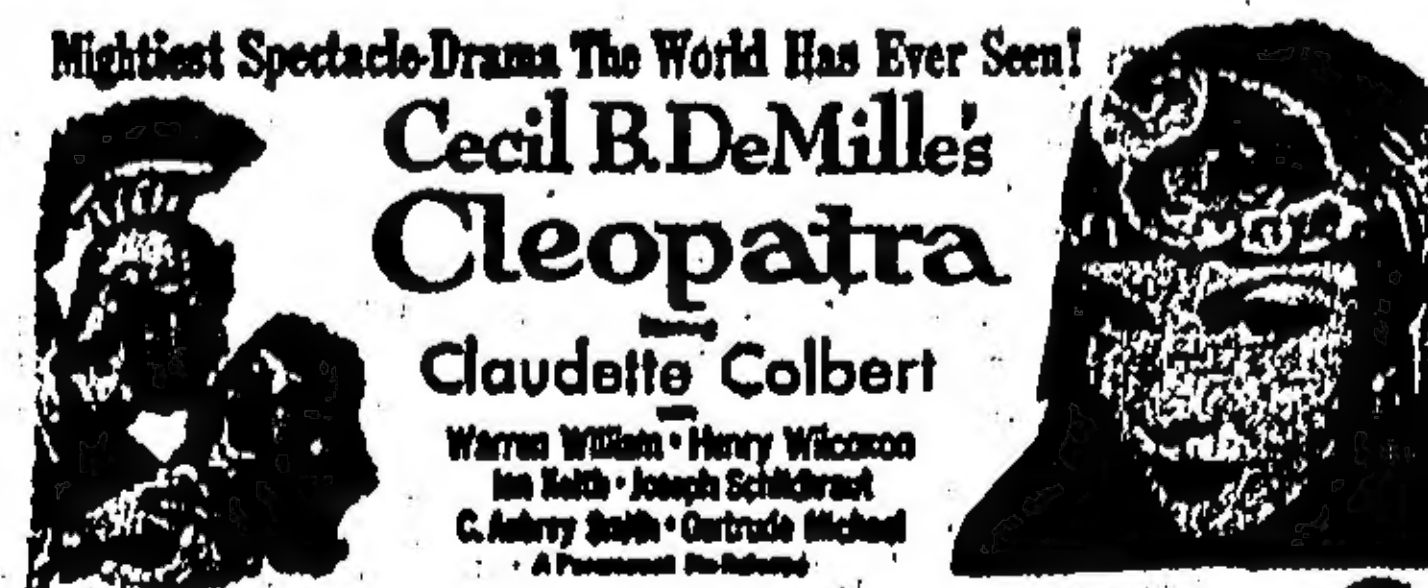
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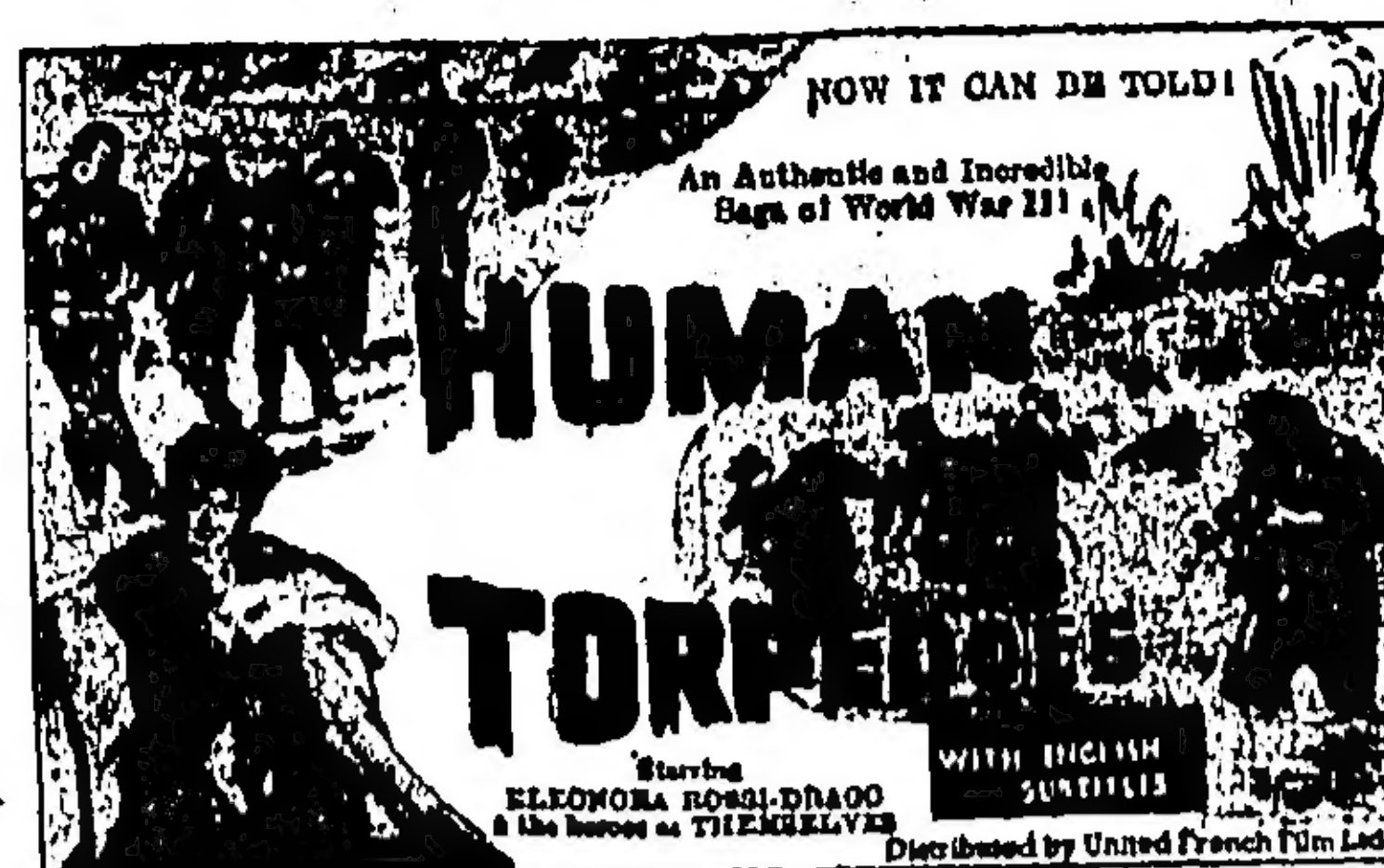


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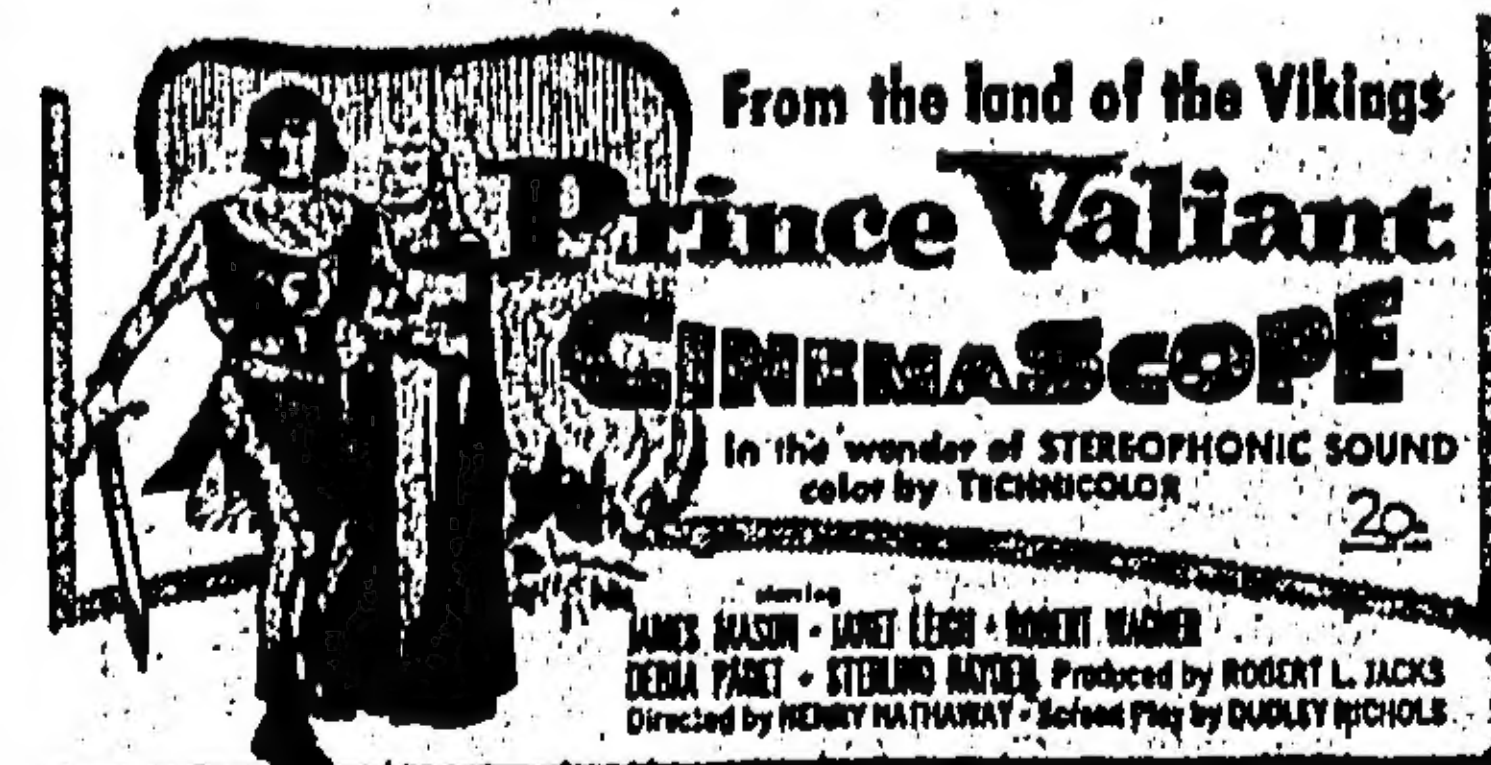


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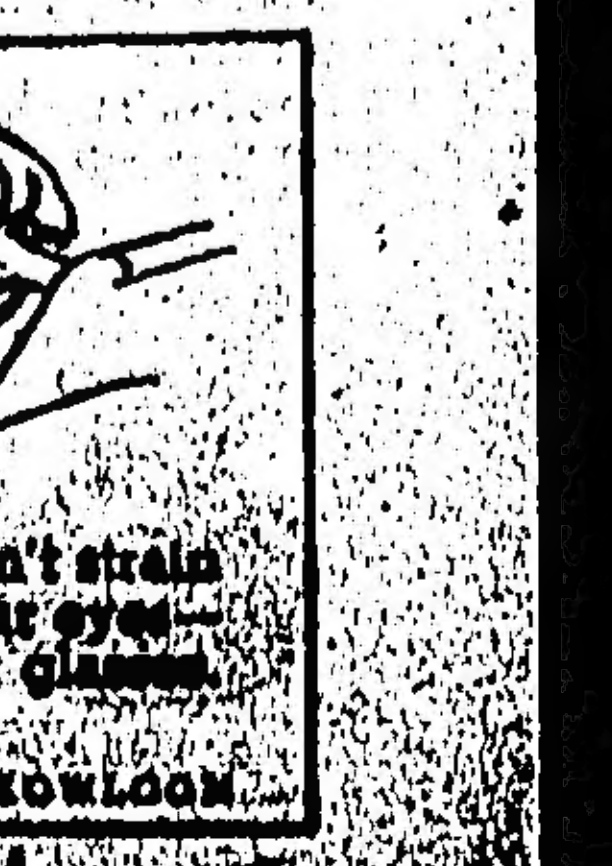
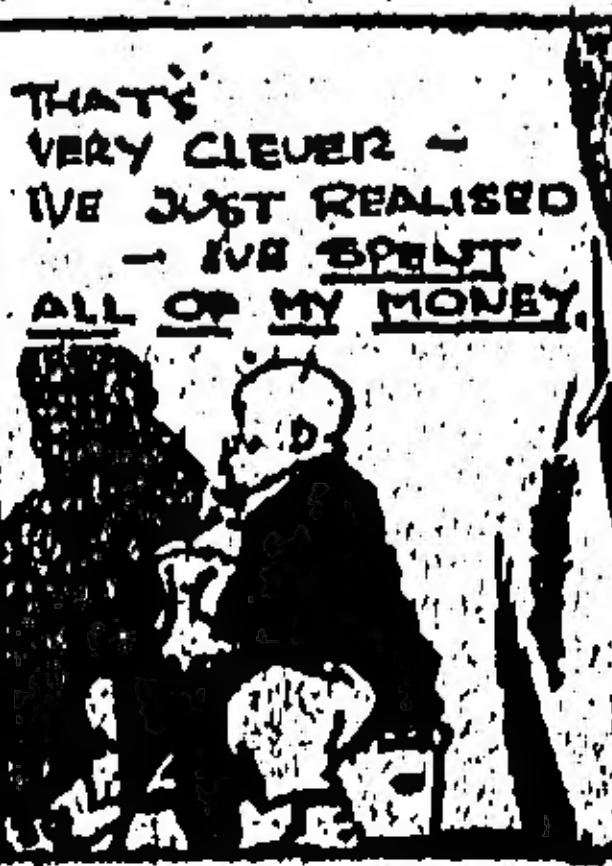


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Laos And Cambodia Prove To Be Stumbling Block MORE SECRET MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT GENEVA

Geneva, May 20.

After 10 hours of secret talks in three days, the nine nations trying to end the Indo-China war, were still deadlocked last night on whether a settlement should include Laos and Cambodia, the two smaller Indo-China states, conference sources said.

A communiqué issued after yesterday's 3 1/2-hour closed meeting at the Palace of Nations—the longest so far—said a fourth session would be held on Friday.

It was understood there would be no formal meetings on either Indo-China or Korea today, which will be devoted to informal contacts between delegations outside the conference chamber.

The Vietnam Deputy Premier, Mr. Pham Van Dong, made a long speech yesterday, repeating Communist demands that Laos and Cambodia must form part of a general political settlement with Vietnam, main battleground in the war, conference sources said.

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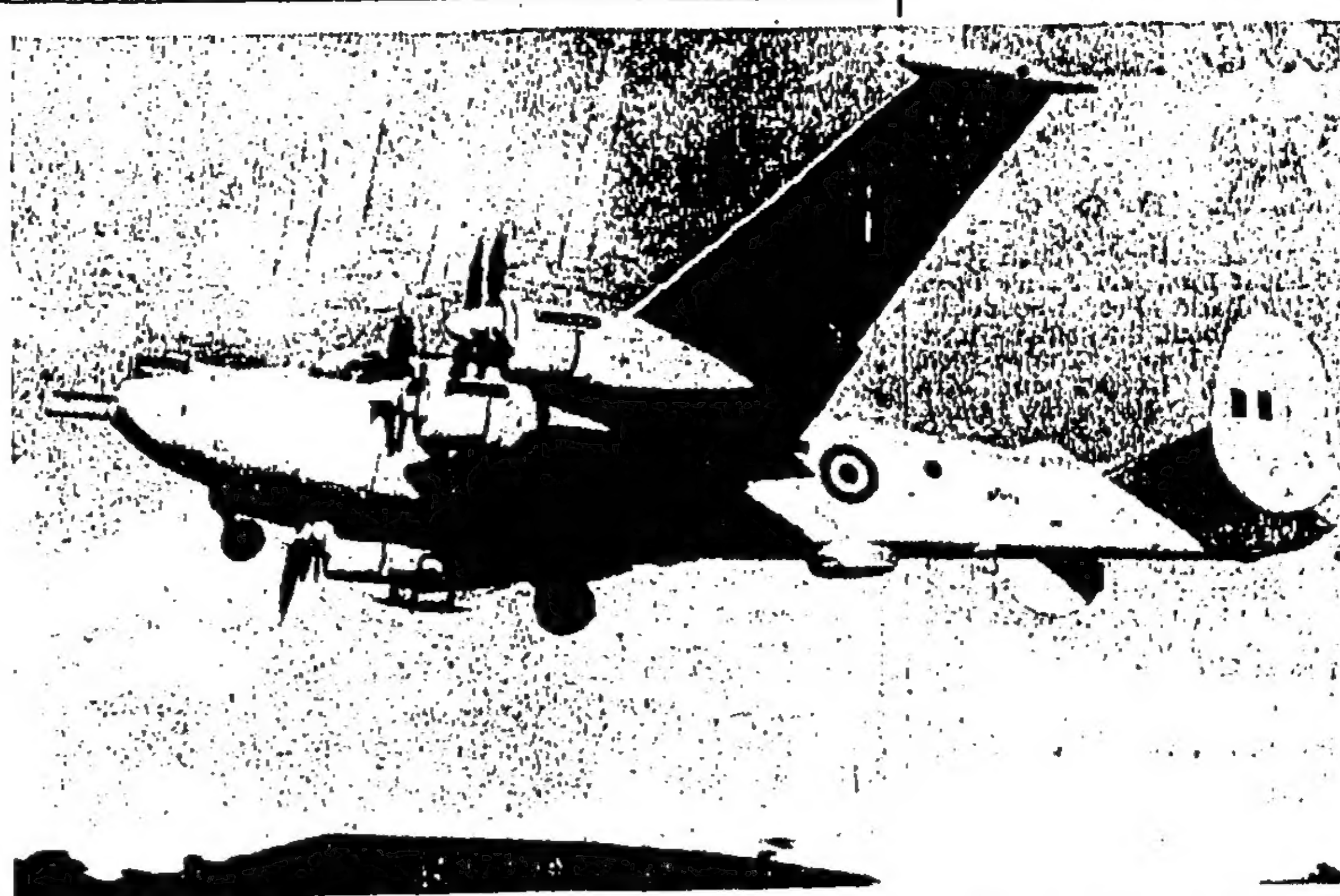
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Now An Electronic Brain Directs The Traffic!

New York, May 19.

A \$15,000 collection of magnetic, electronic and amplifying equipment will soon be controlling traffic at five separate intersections in Edmonton.

The oil city has ordered five electronic brains which move vehicles and pedestrians through the intersection according to the amount of traffic rather than on a fixed time basis.

The "brain" requires fewer than 30 control dials. Magnetic detectors embedded in the pavement 200 feet from the intersection set up a field of magnetic force which is broken when a car travels through it.

A weak impulse is sent into the main part of the machine, coded in a metal box four feet high at the intersection.

Amplifiers in the metal box increase the impulse and send it to the electronic "brain".

Russia Sells Silver To The West

London, May 19.

Russia is reported to be offering huge quantities of silver on the various European markets, it was stated here today.

Some of the offers are in lots of 10 and 20 tons. The price in London was pushed down by a half penny to 72 1/2 pence per ounce of fine silver after a prolonged period of slow easing.

Russia is known to have offered fairly large quantities of silver to the West during the past few months but not on the present scale.

Some London dealers think Russia is offering the same silver in several places at once.—France-Press.

FRENCH COMMANDERS HOLD SECRET TALKS IN HANOI

Hanoi, May 19.

The French Chief of General Staff, General Paul Ely, who is touring Indo-China on an urgent fact-finding mission for the Government, arrived here today under conditions of extraordinary secrecy, and immediately went into conference with General Henri Navarre, Commander in Chief in Indo-China, and General Rene Cogny, North Indo-China Commander.

Algerian guards with fixed bayonets prevented 17 foreign correspondents from entering Hanoi military airfield.

The commanders conferring here today discussed the critical situation in the Red River delta. The victorious Vietnamese Army is reported advancing fast on the delta down the valleys of the Black and Red rivers—the 30,000 men having been freed for the task by the fall of Dien Bien Phu.

General Cogny's 80 battalions are already fully committed in holding down 100,000 Vietnamese soldiers and partisans in the delta and would face impossible odds if the Dien Bien Phu army were to strike now.

A HARD CHOICE

General Ely has a hard choice to recommend to the French Government either to abandon the delta or to reinforce General Cogny from other

parts of Indo-China and let the Vietnamese take control there. He cannot even consider the problem on purely military grounds as France is pledged to defend the status of Laos and Cambodia whether her generals like it or not.

While their discussions went forward French bombers roared out North-West from the Red River delta to try to break the spearhead of the Vietnamese Army advancing down the valleys of the Black and Red rivers.

Bombers have cut the vital highway 41 near Son La, 60 miles east of Dien Bien Phu. Their aim is to stop the Vietnamese Army thrusting towards Hanoi.

Nearer to the delta, where the highway runs through Yen Chau, maritime and land-based fighters have cut the road again and silenced a battery of anti-aircraft guns.

The Vietnamese, in their biggest recent assault, captured, thus far, a stronghold in the strongly Roman Catholic Pro-

vince of Buechu along the shores of the Gulf of Tonkin.

The Vietnamese defenders suffered heavy losses.

The French mopped up Communist pockets on the outskirts of Hanoi last night in villages some miles North-East and the same distance South-East of the city.

Gundre shook the residential suburb of Hanoi throughout the night.

In yesterday's raids French fighter bombers dropped 1,000-lb delayed action bombs near the key road junction of Tuan Jiro, 30 miles North-East of Dien Bien Phu.

The Vietnamese today still allowed the wounded to be flown out from Dien Bien Phu despite French cancellation of the agreement to do so and the bombing of the strategic road.

Twenty-four wounded arrived in Hanoi this afternoon—31 of them stretcher cases.

They were reported to be in a better state than 10 who arrived last night.

Britain's New Sub-hunter

Britain's latest long range submarine hunting aircraft—the Avro Shackleton Mark III—has been seen during a test flight. The new machine is already in production for R.A.F. Coastal Command and South African Air Forces. The Mark III is a development of the famous Shackleton II. Its great ocean patrolling range is extended by additional fuel storage, and other modifications, special soundproofing, improved visibility and try-cycle undercarriage.—Express Photo.

A-Research Laboratory For Sydney

Sydney, May 19.

Special atomic research laboratories are to be built in Sydney by the Australian Atomic Energy Commission on Government land, the Australian Minister of Supply, Howard Beale, announced today.

The laboratories would be equipped for research into problems relating to the technology of atomic energy which must be undertaken by the commission itself, added Mr. Beale.

He said that the research to be carried out in the new laboratories would not duplicate the work being done at the Australian universities or anywhere else in Australia.

The establishment of the new laboratories will be a further step forward in Australia's programme of atomic research and development, he said.

He added that the Australian Government had given permission for its land to be used for the laboratories.—France-Press.

Natives Still Kill Twin Babies

Johannesburg, May 19.

The practice of killing twin babies on birth, believed to have died out among South African natives, is not entirely extinct, according to Laura Longmore, Lecturer in African life at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

African mothers who gave birth to twins were believed by their kin to have been bewitched and to exorcise the evil eye they almost invariably did away with their new-born children in secret.

Letting it was believed that missionaries and school teachers had put down the practice.

"I have come across two instances of twin murders, but the actual killing did not take place in the location where the mothers lived," Miss Longmore said.

"The women, on being informed that they were carrying twins, left for the rural areas where the murder took place immediately after confinement."

Many native women living in the heart of the Rand, most urbanised area in Africa, still consult witch-doctors when their babies are ill, she added.—United Press.

Singapore, May 19.

Writes and artist in Singapore has commemorated the 390th anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare, Peking Radio reported.

They listened to lectures on the playwright's work by the Chinese, and saw a "radio-translation" of his "works" into Chinese. A new excerpt from "Romeo and Juliet" and "Hamlet" specially presented for the occasion, and attended exhibitions.—China Mail Special.

Chinese Communists Are 'Cleansed' On This Barren Island

Taipei, May 19.

On a tiny, storm-lashed island off the Southern coast of Formosa the Nationalist Chinese are conducting an experiment in counter-brainwashing Communist agents and fellow travellers.

General Chiang Ching-kuo, elder son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, has set up a "home of the Reborn" on lonely, barren Green Island. Some 1,638 Communists, Communist suspects and fellow travellers are at present inmates of the island. They have been banished there to learn the error of their ways.

Another 1,000 have "graduated" during the past four years and return to Formosa or the mainland of China. The number includes captured Chinese prisoners-of-war.

Sentences to Green Island run from three years upwards, inmates leave, however, only after proving to their instructors that they have sincerely seen the error of their former Communist beliefs.

"Maybe we are doing the right thing," says General Chiang. "Maybe not. But the achievements of this reform and instruction centre will have the final word."

Green Island is not a pleasant place. It was once called "Fire Burned Island" by the Japanese. The Chinese planted thousands of trees and gave it the new name "Green Island." But the winds blew away many of the trees and it still remains a dreary, lonely spot in the Western Pacific.

The island is astride the route of the frequent storms which blow up out of the Southern Pacific. Volcanic cliffs rise in gaunt, silent testimony to the centuries-old assault of the wind and sea. And up the sheer faces of these twisted cliffs, lonely inmates have climbed to scrawl giant Chinese characters condemning their former belief—Communism.

The prisoners can see visitors for 10-minute periods occasionally. They eat fairly well and are housed in small, clean huts which they built themselves. A tall barbed-wire fence surrounds the camp but is considered of little importance. The remoteness of the island and the shyness which wait in the empty air rules out attempted escapes. No one has ever tried.

Life for the inmates is one of hard manual labour combined with long periods of daily, political discussions or "reorientation" as the Nationalists call it.

They produce most of their own food—rice, beans and vegetables.

The education programme consists of discussions on the three principles of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese Republic, criticism on Communism, Communist terrorist activities, the history of the Soviet invasion of China, history of the Chinese revolution and general orientation on various Government policies.

And there are hours when the inmates are allowed to stroll the barren beaches, look at the raging sea and hear the howling winds and contemplate on the Communist doctrine which brought them to the lonely island.

The Nationalists feel that the combination of work, study and thought have proved a successful counter-action to Communist indoctrination.

There are some 60 girls on the island. A pretty, 23-year-old, former Communist, Peng Shu-min, is typical. She was arrested when a Communist ring was smashed in the Taipei Normal College. She had done little work for the Communists but had associated with the agency which drew a five-year sentence to Green Island.

"When I was in school, I did not know the true value of one's country," she mumbles, never raising her eyes from the ground.

Peng Shu-min tells of the camp, her former promise of a reduced sentence if her record is good. With a choked voice she says she wants only to leave the lonely island and return to her Formosan family.

Most of the prisoners are allegedly from mainland China, caught as Communist agents in Formosa or helping the Communists either directly or indirectly. Others are Formosan natives who were convicted of one type of Communist crime or another.

The oldest prisoner is 63 years old. The youngest is a girl of 18.

It is not necessary to be convicted of actually being a Communist to be sent to Green Island. Association with a Communist or even indirect aid to him is a criminal offence under Nationalist law.

On Green Island some 500 inmates have volunteered during the past four years for the Nationalist Army. Camp Commander Major-General Yuo Hsun-tai says that they have given a good account of themselves.—United Press.

Eden Not Going To Paris For Big-3 Talks

Geneva, May 19.

British officials tonight denied press reports that Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, was going to Paris from here on Friday night to attend a meeting of the Western "Big Three" foreign ministers.

Rumours today suggested that Mr. John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, might fly to Paris during the weekend to meet Mr. Eden and Mr. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister.

British officials said that Mr. Eden still planned to go to Paris on Friday to attend the celebrations of the Entente Cordiale between Britain and France, but his final decision would depend on developments at the conference here. He would probably go to Paris. If he went to Paris, Mr. Eden would return here for the Korea and Indo-China peace talks, shortly after the Paris celebrations.

An American spokesman said he knew of no plans for Mr. Dulles to go to Paris.—Reuter.

Shoe-Shining A Public Nuisance?

Melbourne, May 19.

Private enterprise, even shoe shining, must not be a public nuisance, Melbourne's city fathers ruled.

They forbade 47-year-old Don Pattison from setting up his polishing kit at a street corner because customers queued up and caused a traffic block.

So Don, Melbourne's first shoe-shiner since pre-war days, took his outfit to another corner and at ninepence a shine collected two pounds in a few hours.

He said that he would appeal against the council's decision that he must shine shoes on private, not public, property.—China Mail Special.

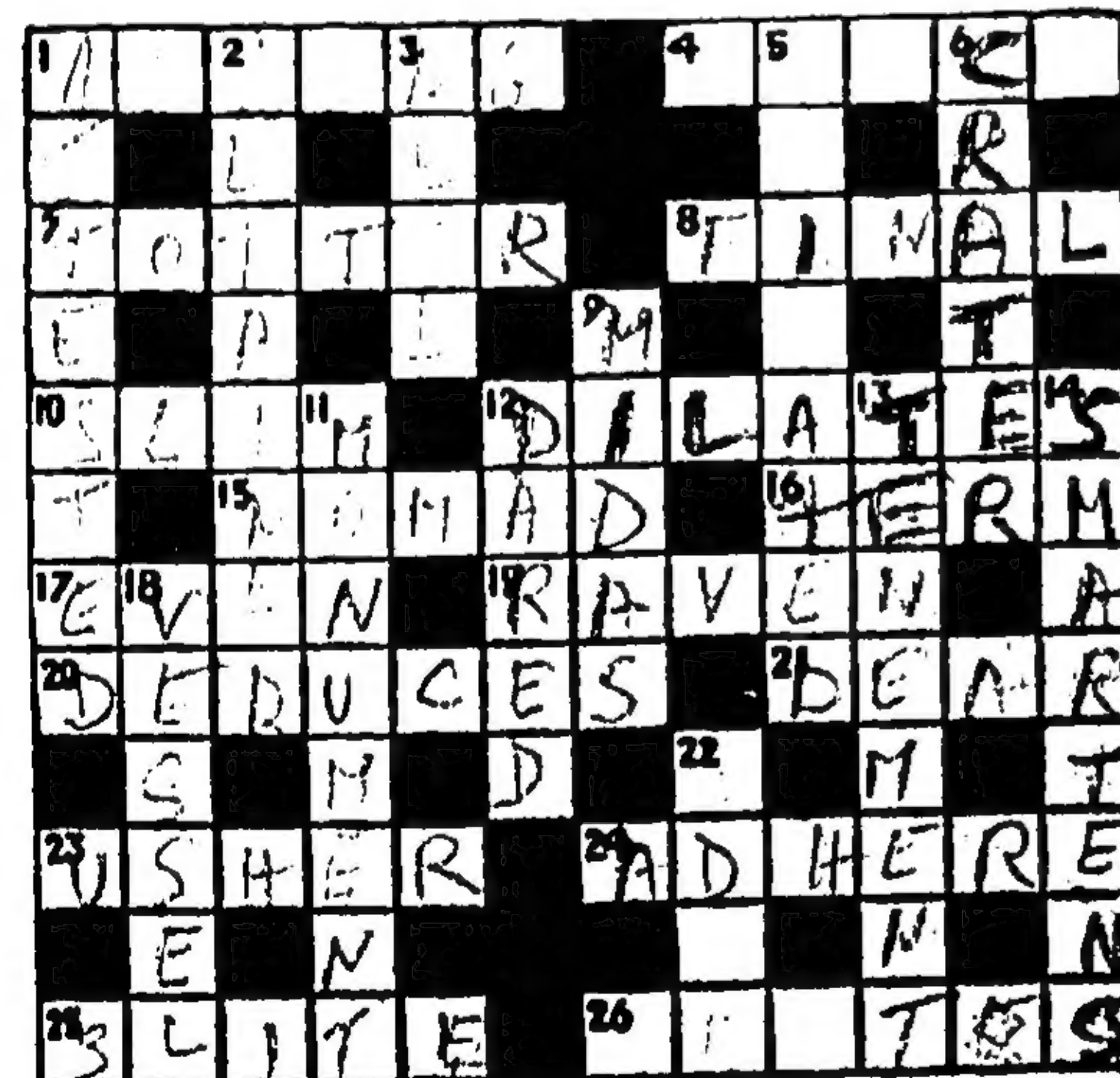
E. German Barter With Japan

Berlin, May 19.

The East German Trade Ministry has concluded a \$1,000,000 dollar barter agreement with the Japanese export firm, Nichimen Jisayyo, under which East Germany will get textile raw materials in exchange for potash, the East German news agency, ADN, reported today.

The agreement is the first of its kind concluded between East Germany and Japan. ADN gave no details of the agreement.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Ventilating (6).
 - 2 Tree (5).
 - 3 Walk feebly (6).
 - 4 Last (5).
 - 5 Swell (7).
 - 6 Wanderer (5).
 - 7 Expression (4).
 - 8 Smooth (6).
 - 9 Bird (5).
 - 10 Infer (7).
 - 11 Expensive (4).
 - 12 Show in (6).
 - 13 Slick to (6).
 - 14 Spid (6).
 - 15 Bunk (6).
- DOWN
- 1 Bore witness (8).
 - 2 Kept (6).
 - 3 Necessity (6).
 - 4 Ape (6).
 - 5 Shell-hole (6).
 - 6 Man of wealth (6).
 - 7 Memorial (6).
 - 8 Apartment house (6).
 - 9 Brightens up (6).
 - 10 Ship (6).
 - 11 Tool (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Vanished, 5 Pencil, 6 Openings, 11 Repulses, 12 Bear, 13 Snail, 18 Treat, 19 Ewer, 22 Imagines, 24 Lemonade, 25 Issued, 26 Hatches, Down: 1 Spurt, 2 Snipe, 3 Violent, 4 Alps, 5 Serie, 14 Aroma, 15 Larynx, 16 Wealth, 17 Permit, 20 Snout, 21 Aside, 22 Inch, 23 Adit.

FOURTH DAY of the SOS serial—FIND THIS BOY!
—and the shadow of The Stranger looms up large...

TWO MEN at the MURDER...?

THE POLICE of all Britain seek Tony Rowe, the boy who vanished when his father was arrested for the murder of his estranged wife Diana in London. Tony has an illness which will kill him unless he is given an injection. Superintendent Standley of Scotland Yard takes up the trail — and is shadowed by a stranger as he seeks Tony in the Edinburgh house where his father George lodged.



Illustration by ROBB.

Edinburgh. On the third floor landing standing at the head of the worn stone steps, an open door behind her, was a woman in her late forties. She had a pleasant, open face, but at this moment it was creased with anxiety.

Behind her, peeping around the door, was the small boy. I could hear his urgent whisper: "That's him, Mum! He's coming up the stairs!"

She said: "You'll be from the police. Am I right?" "From Scotland Yard," I replied. "And you'll be Mrs Macdonald, George Rowe's landlady?"

She stood aside and gestured for me to enter the flat. "You've come about the boy, about Tony? You were bound to find out in the end. I told my daughter we should have informed the police in the first place but she wouldn't let me — said it wouldn't help George's chances. And now..."

Her voice trailed away miserably and you could see the glint of tears in her eyes. Then she shook herself. "Come into the kitchen," she said more briskly, "and I'll tell you all about it over a cup of tea."

His little face blazed with anger. "Well, I won't," he shouted. "I won't tell a thing. And I know more than you do!" At which he flung himself round, reared down the corridor, and out of the front door, into the cutting east wind that blew along the sunlit street.

His mother stared after him. "Don't mind him," she said. "Wee John's a bit upset. The neighbourhood boys haven't been very nice about this murder business. You know what kids are. Ever since George

was arrested, they've been jeering about him, and John's been fighting back. Poor wee soul. "What about the other, poor wee soul?" I said. "You've seen Tony Rowe, haven't you, Mrs Macdonald? He came here."

"Yes," she said. "He arrived here on Sunday. I see by the papers that he was traced as far as Carlisle. That's all he had money for. After that, a lorry driver gave him a lift and dropped him in Leith Walk and he found his own way here."

I said: "You must have known we wanted the child by that time. His picture was in the Sunday papers. Why didn't you phone the police?"

There was sound behind me, and when I turned round there was a girl—a young and very pretty girl. "I'll tell you why," she said. "We guessed you wanted Tony to question him about his mother's murder and..."

"And you thought he would implicate his father," I cut in. "So you hid the child. That's it, isn't it? You're Edna Macdonald, aren't you? You wanted to protect George Rowe, didn't you?"

She flushed. "What if I did?" she said. "I still want to protect him. I don't believe he killed his wife. George wouldn't do a thing like that. I love him, and I know. But if you'd got hold of the boy, you might have put ideas in his head, words in his mouth."

"You're not being very kind to the police," I said, gently. "They really don't do things like that, you know. But forget that for the moment. It's not important. Getting Tony to the doctor, and quickly, is. I want him. Where is he? Come on, out with it! Where is Tony Rowe?"

"That's the trouble," said Mrs Macdonald. "We don't know."

It took me another hour to get all the details out of them. They didn't help me much when I had them. Tony had arrived at Buckland Street on Sunday, and no one seemed to have noticed his arrival. Mrs Macdonald and Edna had taken him in and given him a bath and a meal and then put him to bed while they debated what to do.

They had tried to get him to talk, but gave that up when they saw how pale and exhausted he was. His eyes grew terrified when they spoke about his mother. They decided to let him recover before asking him any questions. They also decided to keep his presence a secret, and told him he must not leave the flat.

"He was still asleep when I went off to work this morning," said Edna. "Mum decided to keep John home from school to stay with Tony. She went out shopping, telling them to stay around the house."

She was away only a few minutes. But when she came back the flat was empty. Both Tony and John had disappeared. It was nearly an hour later that John returned. He was weeping, and told her he had taken Tony with him to buy a comic from the paper shop.

The two boys never got there. As soon as they emerged from the courtyard a man stepped across the road, took hold of Tony, put a hand over his mouth, and bundled him into a car.

"It drove away, leaving my John standing on the pavement," said Mrs Macdonald. "He ran after it and followed it into Leith Walk and up the hill towards Prince Street, but then it disappeared."

I jumped to my feet. "Where's your car?" I asked Mrs Macdonald. "I've got to have all the details. This is a matter of life or death."

"I'll get him," said Edna, and came back presently, dragging wee John behind her.

It took some time, but he drew it out and took me into his confidence. Not that he helped much. He couldn't remember what kind of a car it was that had taken Tony away. He didn't describe the man in any detail.

"Think hard, Johnny," I said. "Did Tony tell you anything—anything at all, before the man took him away?"

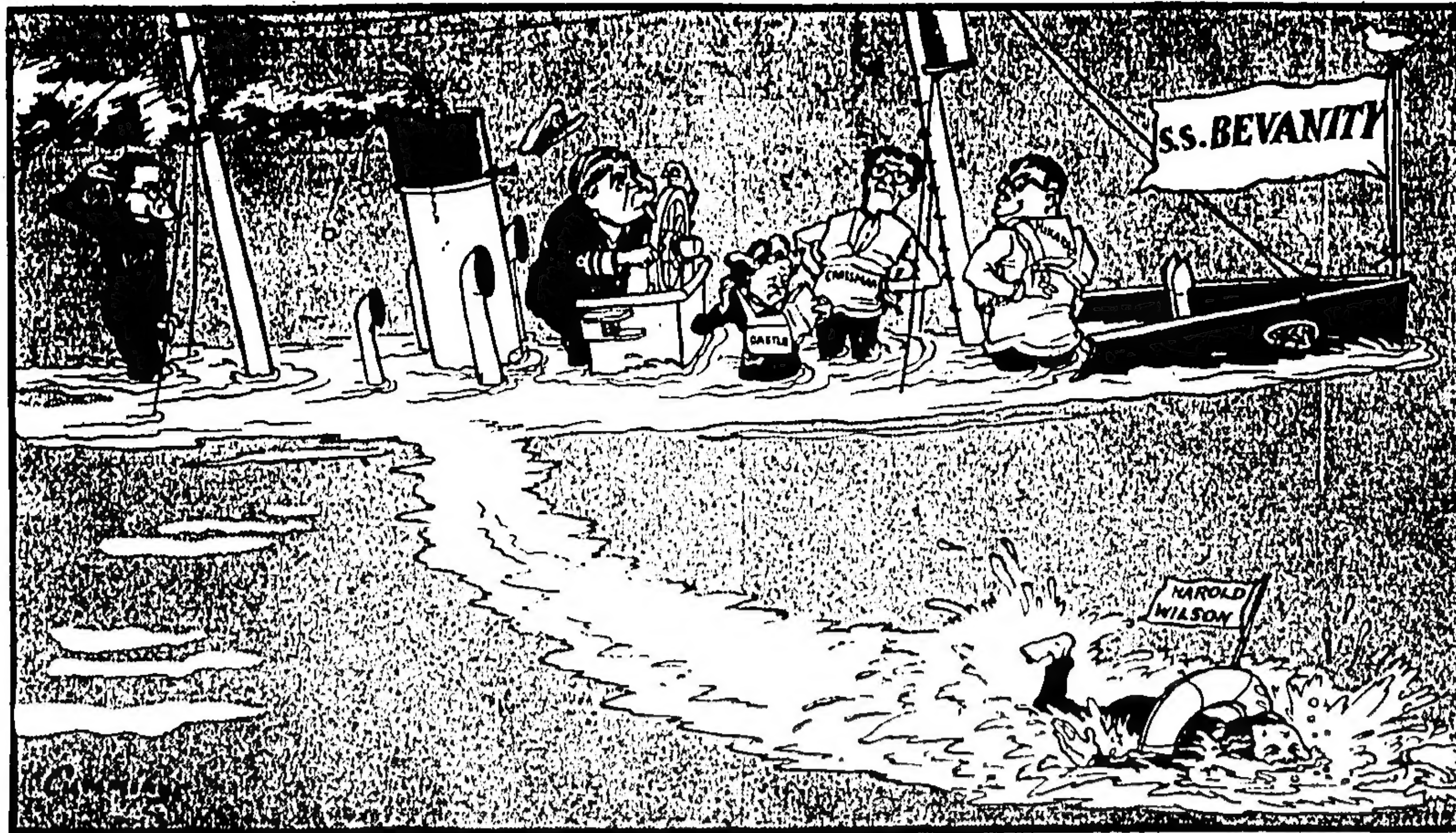
He struggled with his memory, and his face lit up. "Yes," he said. "He said he'd seen two men hitting his mum."

I said: "Two men, Johnny? Sure he said TWO men?"

"Aye, two," he replied. "One man held her down while the other beat her. They didn't know he was there because his mum had locked him in the cupboard. Then someone let him out, and when he looked at the man, he didn't move, so he ran away."

They were all looking at me now. "You see what this means, don't you?" said Edna Macdonald. "If two men did the murder, you have to arrest George? You must set him free, do you hear?"

TOMORROW: Where is the deuce last?



ANY MORE FOR THE SHORE?

(London Express Service)

★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★ BANNISTER DID MORE THAN RUN THAT MILE

New York, Tuesday. JUST when some people here were saying that the British were faint-hearted, weak-kneed, and lacking speed and stamina, along comes Roger Bannister running the mile like a meteor.

Poor Mr William Knowland, Republican majority leader in the Senate, had hardly finished writing off the British as a "total loss" when the news came that Bannister had broken through the speed barrier.

Mr Knowland then said that he specialised in politics, did not know much about sport, but, anyway, "heartily congratulations."

Enthusiasm

OTHER Americans were more enthusiastic. Critics who had been arguing that Spain and Turkey were the United States' only reliable allies in Europe suddenly exploded with praise for Bannister and the country which produced him.

The American Press, sometimes carping and cutting, has been magnificent and no one yet has claimed that Bannister has an American grandmother, is a secret U.S. citizen, or was trained entirely on hot dogs, hamburgers, and cola drinks.

The triumph is all Britain's and it is sweet.

After weeks of crisis abroad and the sordid McCarthy performance at home, the Bannister performance was fresh and invigorating news for the jaded Americans. It could be coincidence, but since our boy Roger made sports history the airline cartoons showing Winston Churchill carrying the umbrella of appeasement and Mr Eden seeking a Munich have vanished.

The truth is that the American public is in a

state of confusion. One minute there are shouts of "the back-tracking British" won't send troops to Indo-China and the next there are cries that the U.S. itself must never in any circumstances send troops either.

I have received in my mail a batch of mourning cards edged with black and bearing a cross and the photographs of two American young men. The card says: "Slaughtered in Korea, 100,000 American boys... am I to be killed in Indo-China, please, Mr President, keep our boys out of Indo-China. Don't destroy our boys." The cards come from young Republicans.

It is Republicans such as Knowland who have been accusing us for an about-face and timidity.

Memories are extraordinarily short in the politics of convenience. I can think back to 1941, three months before Pearl Harbour, when conscription in the United States was extended by only one vote after a personal plea by President Roosevelt, although France had collapsed and Britain was desperate.

Pearl Harbour, of course, changed everything overnight, and then Germany declared war on the United States. Mr Knowland must have a very poor memory.

Not Surprised

I AM not surprised to see that as a result of the Geneva deadlock and the Indo-China crisis, the old guard in the Middle West, led by Colonel McCormick, owner and editor of the Chicago Tribune, have formed ranks to march backwards into the 19th century. A new organisation has been formed called simply "For America."

Its announced aims are to "combat super-internationalism and neo-racism in America."

General Robert Wood, who headed the old "America First"

group, is a member, and so are isolationists Hamilton Fish, former Senator Burton Wheeler, and John Flynn, the author.

Fish says: "Our aim is to recruit six million voters and we are starting a fund of half a million dollars." I have asked if Senator McCarthy is to be invited to join the group, but all anyone will say at this time is that the organisation may "revolve" around McCarthy. "Revolve" is right.

Significant

IMPORTANCE of the "For America" organisation, I don't expect it to get very far unless more moderate men decide to try to ride the wave of neutralism, but its formation at a time when public opinion is in a ferment could have significance.

A lot of people, including ex-President Harry Truman, who has been in New York for a day or two, are blaming President Eisenhower for much of the mix-up at home and abroad.

Mr Truman said Mr Eisenhower must be "master in his own house" otherwise someone will be moving in.

Our diplomats are remaining cool and assured. Sir Plesion Dixon, who has succeeded Sir Gladwyn Jebb as our chief delegate to the United Nations, has started quietly and impressively.

Sir Roger Makins, our Ambassador in Washington, has not made any spectacular news nor had the impact that Lord Halifax made on the American public. But he is well liked by the White House and the State Department.

On the whole, we are speaking down and removed the house coming back.

This week a wonderful advertisement appeared in the

leading American magazines. It shows a succulent roasted beef in colour, and it is captioned: "The roast beef of old England is back. You can now eat magnificently in Britain for less than three dollars a day."

Two menus, one showing luncheon for 8s. and the other dinner for 7s. are reproduced. Food such as this, at prices like these, quite literally stagger the Americans. They are accustomed to paying three times as much.

The British Industries Fair, the new industrial revolution, and the British tourist trade have also earned wide publicity. We are on our way.

An editor tells me: "I am glad the British revival has come when the fears of a recession are vanishing here. Otherwise there might have been bitterness." There is no bitterness that I know of—only admiration.

Entertainment

THE summer theatre, or straw-hat circuit, has begun and Richard Aldrich alone will operate three summer theatres in and around Cape Cod. Big names such as Joan Crawford and Katharine Cornell will star.

Audrey Hepburn says: "I am only 24, but I've lived a lifetime already." Now she is having the time of her life.

Marlene Dietrich's opening night at London's Cafe de Paris is already completely sold out.

American showmen are delighted with the London success of "The Teahouse of the August Moon." Perhaps it is because in the play the Americans poke a little gentle fun at themselves — something that doesn't happen too often.

STAY AT THE BOTTOM

By LES ARMOUR

A MILLIONAIRE may live better than a tramp, but he is not likely to live longer.

For the first time in 20 years, the British government has completed a study of the comparative death rates in different social classes and it seems we are swiftly approaching social equality in longevity.

Indeed, if the current trends continue, the tramp may well outlive the millionaire.

In 1923, the "professional" man had fairly long odds on the unskilled worker and proportionate odds on the classes in between.

TIDE TURNS

By 1932, the tide had begun to turn—both ways. The death rate among the professional class was rising and the death rate among unskilled workers was falling. Since then the trend has continued fairly evenly.

The conclusion is alarming: Medical science seems to be licking the diseases which afflict the unskilled, while the diseases more common to the professional man are on the upsurge.

To some degree, the diseases which hit the professional man hardest seem to be those with a "mental" factor—coronary heart disease, hypertension, vascular lesions of the central nervous system.

Some of them, however, are not so easily explained. Certain kinds of cancer show up at one end of the social scale while others are more common at the other end. Stomach ulcers, usually associated with nervous strain, increase as you go down the scale.

COMPLEXITY

No simple explanation is likely.

Yet there would seem to be some reason for thinking that the diseases which have their roots partly in the increasing complexity of life are those which the unskilled worker probably feels these pressures less than the professional man.

Looking at the figures another way on, it is clear that the tendency of women to outlive men is strong, and the differences between the death rates of the various social classes are less marked among women.

Suicide is most common at the ends of the social scale—though the highest incidence is among the unskilled. In the middle brackets suicide is least common.

All in all, it seems best to be in the "intermediate" class between the professional man and the skilled worker. The death rate there allows a steady and consistent decline over the last 30 years.

SHAKESPEARE WOULD STILL LIKE IT

By Dorothy Barkley

THE merry month of May, Will Shakespeare called it. And today, close on four centuries later, is there a better place to spend May than in his own town of Stratford-on-Avon?

If you ask me — there isn't! May is the month when we suddenly want to shake off the shackles of work. And, from personal experience, I can say that Stratford is just the place for a holiday.

Stratford in its way is as big a tourist magnet as London. Visitors arrive from all over the world. My diary records the two South American girls who saved for three years to visit Stratford; the two French girls who were making it

their annual holiday; the American lady who had only now managed the return visit she had been trying to make for eighteen years.

But, crowded as it is, Stratford is not spoilt by tourists as are some of the nearby Cotswold villages. Crowds aren't out of place at Stratford. It's a bustling market town—and surely Shakespeare would have had it bustling.

Some scoff at the commercialisation of Shakespeare. But many who come to see remain to admire. For a visit to Stratford is the only way of checking the authentic details of Shakespeare's background.

And certainly a Stratford full of tourists is better than the town of two hundred years ago which had forgotten Shakespeare.

Everyone who goes to the town hears the story of New Place, the house where Shakespeare died. Its owner—and a minister at that—became so tired of people knocking on the door asking to see the house and the mulberry tree Shakespeare planted that he cut the tree down and removed the house brick by brick.

Nevertheless, Stratford is a town where you can relax. There's the theatre, of course, so austere outside that some say it looks like a jam factory, but so comfortable inside.

It's packed from pit to gods every night during the eight months festival. This year, with the influx of youth in the company and with the unconventional interpretation of many of the plays, it's possibly more entertaining than ever.

Here's a strange thing. Smart clothes are forgotten. At the theatre, men wear sports jackets; women,

twined suits. Some are even in hiking kit, and there's only a sprinkling of silks and satins.

Know that Stratford is a holiday town, and most of the theatre-goers are "living in suitcases" and haven't had room to pack even a cocktail dress to bring with them. Still, it seems a little sad that there should be so few smart clothes in this theatre which, with its plush interior and balconies overlooking the river, provides a perfect backdrop for them.

Shakespeare or no Shakespeare, the setting of the town makes it attractive in its own right—the half-timbered buildings in the main street, the gardens and, of course, the river.

If you're lucky, with the weather — and just now you would be — there is a host of things to do besides visiting

the Shakespeare shrines: punting on the river, playing the river banks, local cricket matches at the week-ends, and visits to the lovely Cotswold villages with their mellow stone houses.

Besides, Stratford, like small towns all over the world, is a friendly place, and you soon get to know the local inhabitants. Unlike other towns where a repertory company is playing, the actors and actresses don't disappear into a private warren when the revolve end. If you keep your eyes open you'll see Juliet or Iago or Puck cycling round the town or out shopping.

Well, that's Stratford. And anyone who visits it goes away thinking that Shakespeare picked the right spot for his birthplace.

Those who doubt it should have listened to the two French girls getting enthusiastic in the train on the way back. The journey lasted two and a half hours and they didn't stop glorifying once!

Better still, they might visit it themselves.

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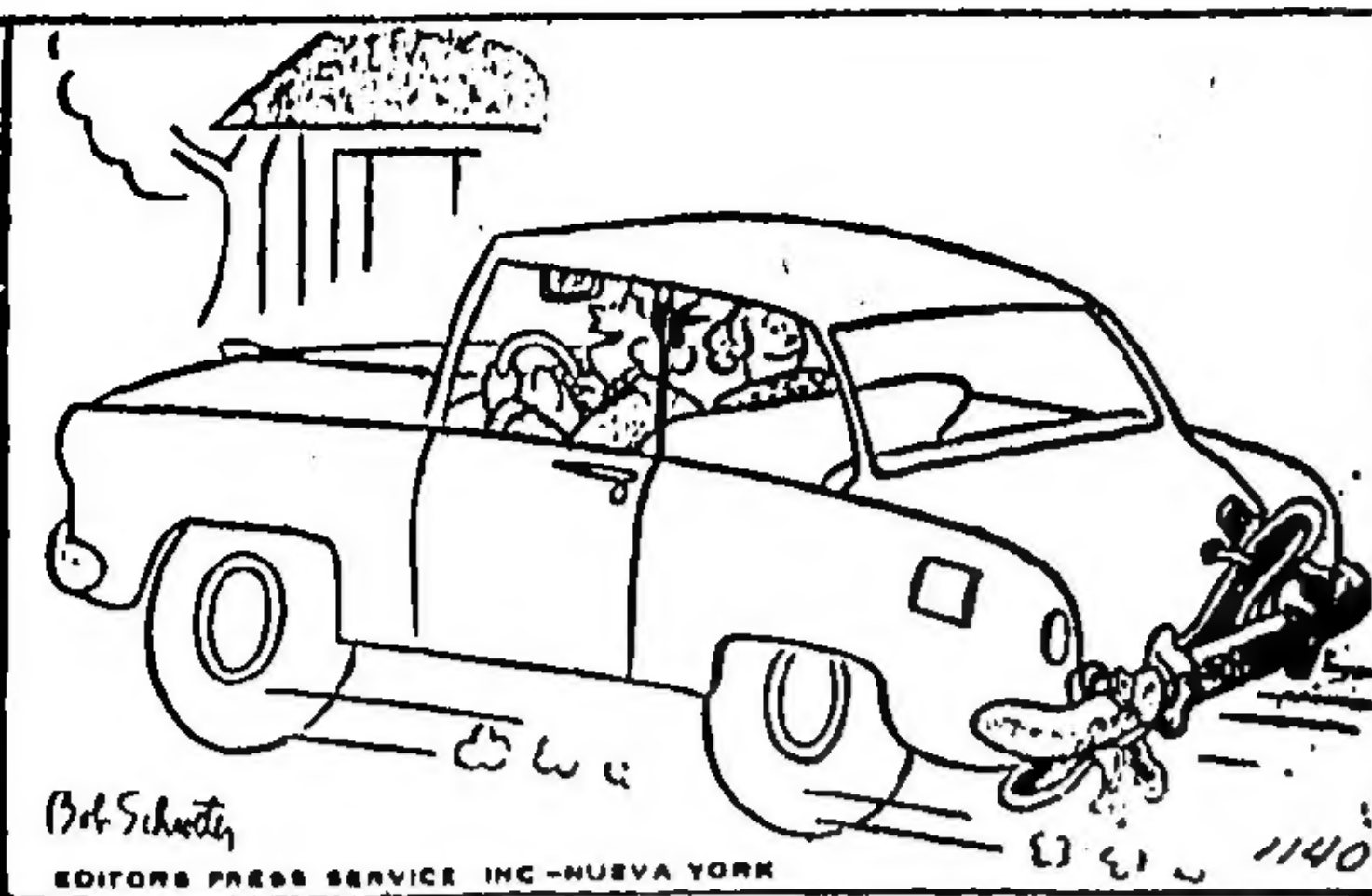
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Suet says: "The non-purchase of necessities closes the gap between incomes and outgoings. If you went up to £30 a ton, the fewer people who bought it the smaller would be the outlay, spread over a marginal total. Packput would thus balance up-put. It is this which keeps the cost-of-living index stationary. It may be called the balance of potentials."

Culture drift

THE news that British Council offices in three countries are to close has led many people to ask what has happened to the team which set out three weeks ago to act. Strindberg's "The Father" in French for the Swedish Lapps. There is a rumour that they went to Greenland by mistake and that the Swedish Lapps got an exhibition of modern sculpture.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, MAY 20

BORN today, you have a delightful sense of humour and a wit which could win you a high place in the literary world. Although you appear too light-hearted and gay to the casual observer, you are actually a very serious person. You know how to plan your life, then how to follow the blue print. You intend to make something of yourself and are not to be deterred from reaching your goal.

Your emotions are near the surface and this may tend to make you somewhat more temperamental than you should be. But you have a clear conscience and an empty brief case over the week end.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Don't accept a friend's confidence unless you are prepared to keep it inviolate. Never gossip.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—You are the type to be bothered by an uncompleted job, so get it done today and then you can relax.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Finish up all odds and ends at the office so that you will have a clear conscience and an empty brief case over the week end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—If you have made plans for your advancement in the past, now is the time to activate them successfully.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A fine shopping day for bargain-hunters. Look in the papers for sales of things you need and want.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Concentrate your attention on what is going on in the present rather than on what has happened or may occur in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Hold fast to your ambitions despite temporary setbacks. You will find that it pays in the long run.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—If your job does not keep you interested, don't expect to be too good at it. Find one that does intrigue you.

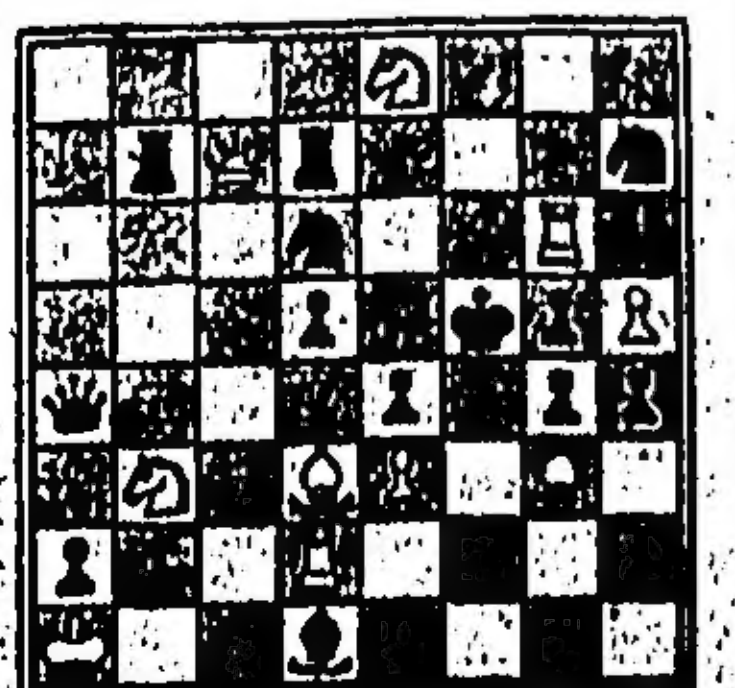
CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Be careful that you are not too visionary today. Being practical is more important, just now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Stick to facts rather than fancy; to truth rather than gossip. Otherwise you can be seriously fooled.

CHESS PROBLEM

By L. PINTER

Black, 13 pieces.



White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q-Q4, mate; 2. Q-K (dis ch); 3. R (dis ch) or R-K mate.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Some Bad Hands Give Many Thrills

By OSWALD JACOBY

CERTAIN unfortunate hands give you a big thrill even if you happen to be on the wrong side of them. After a short time, the sting of defeat vanishes, and you are able to view the hand with amusement and perhaps even pride.

For example, take the case of the player who held the West cards in the hand given today. He wasn't very pleased with the results at first, but he gained a bridge story that very few bridge players will be able to top. West made an opening lead that cost twenty-six tricks.

Perhaps we had better gloss over the bidding. South knew that he didn't have a real spade stopper, but he hoped that his partner had a high spade or that West wouldn't lead the suit, or that West would underlead the ace and king.

It didn't seem to South that he had a game in diamonds (and of course he was perfectly right) and he thought that the most likely game was at no-

NORTH 13		EAST 13	
♠ 10 9		♠ 9 5	
♥ K 9 6		♥ A Q J 8 7 3	
♦ K 10 7		♦ 2	
♣ A K Q J 7		♣ 5 4 3 2	
WEST (D)		SOUTH	
♠ A K 7 0 4 3 2		♠ Q J	
♥ 10 5		♥ A Q J 9 8 5 4	
♦ 6 3		♦ 10 9	
♣ 8 0		♣ 10 9	
North-South vul.		West	
♠ North	♠ South	♠ North	♠ South
3 ♠	Double Pass	3 ♠	Double Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ 6			

trump. I wouldn't dream of recommending South's bid of three no-trump, but I'm glad he made it since otherwise we wouldn't have this story.

West thought that South had a stopper in spades. In this case the only chance to bring in the spade suit consisted in leading a low spade in the hope that East had two cards in the suit and some fast entry. Hence West opened his fourth-best spade.

South won the first spade trick, and quickly took seven diamonds and five clubs for the rest of the tricks.

If West had opened the king of spades, he would have seen the whole story very quickly. He would continue with the ace of spades and then run the rest of his seven-card suit.

East would promptly discard the worthless clubs and diamonds, making it clear that he wanted a shift to hearts when ever West led. Finished with his spades, West would obediently lead the ten of hearts, whereupon East would take the rest of the tricks with hearts. The defenders would take thirteen tricks instead of losing thirteen tricks.

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WOMANSENSE



OUR FASHION EXPERTS AT A MONTE CARLO BEACH RALLY

Crazy About Candy Stripes

By Iris Ashley & Francis Marshall

Monte Carlo. The sky is cloudless; the sun pours down, an infinite, caressing warmth—not yet scorching. The sea pellucid and sparkling with light, is the very meaning of the word blue. The most brilliant of the coloured postcards are tepid against the vivid, enchanting reality that is Monte Carlo.

There are a surprising number of people here at this between-season moment of the year—a great many Germans and Dutch, and a constant flow of Americans down for a few days from Paris (which is bursting at the seams with U.S. citizens working on NATO, etc.).

We came down primarily to discover just what type of clothing will be worn along the Riviera this summer.

With positively fendiish good fortune we arrived at exactly the same moment as a French fashion photographer and a group of model girls. They were to be pictured in the very latest beach wear summer dresses from the famous shops of Monte Carlo and Cannes. We asked if they would mind Francis Marshall having a few sketches. They said not at all, they'd

be enchantes. (Not as enchanted as we were though. It would have taken days to find these fashions and get them all together for ourselves!)

Candy stripes, candy stripes, and more candy stripes are the themes to have in your head if you're coming to the Riviera. Striped shorts in fresh-looking red or blue and white stripes have matching shirts. Often buttons running down the front of both garments make them look like one piece.

An alternative is to have a red shirt with white stripes, and white shorts with red stripes—to get this effect, of course, the stripes are of different widths.

One-piece swim-suits well-cut with boned bras, are definitely back in fashion. Even these are apt to have candy-stripe trimmings around the edges. Bikinis are still on sale, but "Ce sont pour les jeunes filles tres minces," said the salesgirl firmly.

Our sketch shows you the models we saw posing happily in the sun. The girl with the parrot has a white blouse dress with eyelet-hole embroidery—note the wide shoulder-straps where last year it would have been strapless. This is a typical and useful style for midsummer. Accessories news from down here is: a double beach-bag—

The models posed languorously, the camera-man crouched. At that moment the fashion experts arrived. It was the perfect setting—a Monte Carlo oven-air fashion salon.

two straw boxes fixed together like a yoke, see sketch. One for usual needs, the other for sun oil, etc. Fairly high wedge sandals are worn with light-legged trousers. Ear rings are loops, dangling beads, and studs in different colours. Silver, gold, and white look dull beside them.

Garbo's style

I SAW a little turret-shaped beach bungalow overlooking the newly made plage. Here with telephone, shower, and private terrace is that luxury privacy, where you can see without being seen. Garbo had it for weeks last year. It is already rented for this season, but officialdom won't say by whom.

Down here at the moment is an Italian who deals in underwater salvage. I saw him lose £1,000 in half an hour at roulette. Makes you wonder what exactly he salvaged. Nuggets, maybe.



A BUFFET MENU FOR ANNIVERSARY PARTY

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

"CAN you spare time to check over the menu expect to use at our wedding anniversary celebration?" my secretary asked. "It's to be a buffet supper for about forty guests."

Here is her menu:

Splendid Tomato Juice or Hot Bouillon
Pickled Herring
Dill Pickles-Piccalilli
Raw Vegetable Salad
Stuffed Celery
Potato Salad Macaroni Salad
Potato Chips
Ham Tongue
Sliced Barbecued Chicken
American and Swiss Cheese
Crackers
Wedding Anniversary Cake
Devil's Food Cake Pecan Cookies
Coffee Ginger Ale

"This buffet sounds wonderful. But you're getting yourself into a lot of work," I warned. "Will you have some help?"

"I hadn't figured any. But I'll have the meats prepared at the delicatessen. That will give me all day Saturday to fix the food. Now, will you please give me your reaction to my potato salad recipe?"

Mrs. Feeney's Potato Salad: Boil 10 medium-sized white potatoes (skins on) until fork-tender. Rinse with cold water; then peel. Thin-slice when nearly cold. Add 2 tbsp. each medium-sized mild onions, 1 tsp. salt, and ¼ tsp. each pepper and monosodium glutamate. Stir in 2 tsp. sugar mixed with 2 tsp. elder vinegar and 2 tsp. olive oil. Cover; refrigerate at least 1 hr. to season. Before serving, stir in 2 grated peeled carrots, 1 tbsp. chopped parsley and mayonnaise or salad dressing to blend.

On a large platter or tray, arrange individual cups of lettuce leaves. In each, put a generous serving of the potato salad. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. Garnish with radish roses or carrot sticks, or slices of bread-and-butter pickles; or use tomato wedges and quartered dill pickles.

"Sounds delicious," I approved enthusiastically.

DINNER

Cottage Cheese Saladettes
Grilled Chopped Beef
Green Beans
Potato Pancakes Apple Sauce
Upside-Down Peach Cake
Coffee Tea Milk
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve 4 to 6

Potato Pancakes: Grate 1 small peeled onion; then grate in 2 medium-sized peeled raw white potatoes. Add 2 tsp. enriched flour, ¼ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper, ¼ tsp. nutmeg, and the yolks of 2 eggs. Beat the whites stiff; fold in.

In a heavy frying pan, melt enough shortening or bacon fat barely to cover the bottom. Drop in the potato mixture, by heaping tablespoons. Fry over a medium heat until golden brown. Then turn to brown the uncooked side.

To make pancakes crisp, spread in a large pan without allowing the pancakes to touch, and keep hot in the oven.

For soft, moist pancakes, stack together and let stand in the oven 10 min. before serving.

TRICK OF THE CHIEF

Combine green peas with cooked sliced celery. Excellent!

Household Hints

Good quality linen of the type used for clothing is usually made coarse-ribbed by impregnating the fibres with special preparations. This is not affected by washing. While such linen can be dry cleaned, washing is advised.

So you're painting a table a good trick is usually made of painting the legs in to leave a large dark part way into the bottom of each leg to raise the table off the floor. You can then sweep up and down with long smooth, brush strokes.

Cold liver oil stains may be removed by greasing with petroleum jelly, rubbing with kerosene, then washing as usual.

JUST HOW OLD ARE YOU?

WHAT are the signs of old age? Nothing to do with the years, says Veronica Dengel, who publishes an entertaining book* on successful living.

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Looking back into the past, rather than planning for the future.

Getting annoyed with trivial things.

Looking for things to criticize in people.

Nursing grievances and grudges.

When you become a pessimist and settle into a rut.

Dwelling on sadnesses.

When you are afraid—of the future, being out late, being alone.

And lastly when you are selfish, disagreeable, ill-humoured, short-tempered or intolerant.

Having added up my own red-light list I work out my age to be round about 95.

—Eileen Ascroft

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Christopher Has an Adventure

—He Heard a Conversation in the Woods—

By MAX TRELL

"I HAD a curious sort of an adventure last night," Christopher Cricket was saying to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names. "It wasn't what you would call an exciting adventure. Nothing really happened. And yet—well, you'd better let me start from the beginning and tell you all about it."

"Yes, please tell us everything," Hanid said. "And don't leave anything out," said Knarf.

Fire-side Seat

Then Christopher Cricket nodded and made himself comfortable on the edge of the carpet near the glowing fire in the fireplace, and finally began as follows:

"It was cold last night, just as it is tonight. But the moon was shining and the wind had stopped blowing. So, not having been outside the house for several days, I decided to have a bit of a stroll all by myself."

"Well, my dears, I walked quite a way, across the garden (though there weren't any flowers in the garden), and across the field (though there was nothing growing in the field), and at last I reached the edge of the wood."

"Now the trees were still standing in the wood. Only none of them had any leaves; just bare trunks and branches. How differently they all looked from the way they looked in the spring and summer and autumn. I hardly recognized the great Old Oak—the biggest and oldest tree in the wood. Yet I should have known it even so. For I had seen it under its leafy cover

sky. Go back to sleep. I will wake you when the sun shines and warm again. Sleep... sleep... sleep."

"Yes, Mother. And when springtime comes, will I begin to grow? Will I ever become a great tree like you?"

"Yes, my sweet one, my precious. Sleep, sleep. There is plenty of time for you to grow. You will be the greatest oak in the forest. Your spreading branches will give cool shade to everyone... to animals, to birds, to people. But now sleep."

"Goodnight, Mother," said the little voice at the bottom of the tree.

"Goodnight, my lovely one," said the deep, rumbling voice from inside the trunk of the Old Oak.

"And that was all I heard," said Christopher Cricket to Knarf and Hanid. "And I wondered how the little voice was. So I dug gently under the pile of snow at the foot of the great Old Oak and there I found a—tiny acorn."

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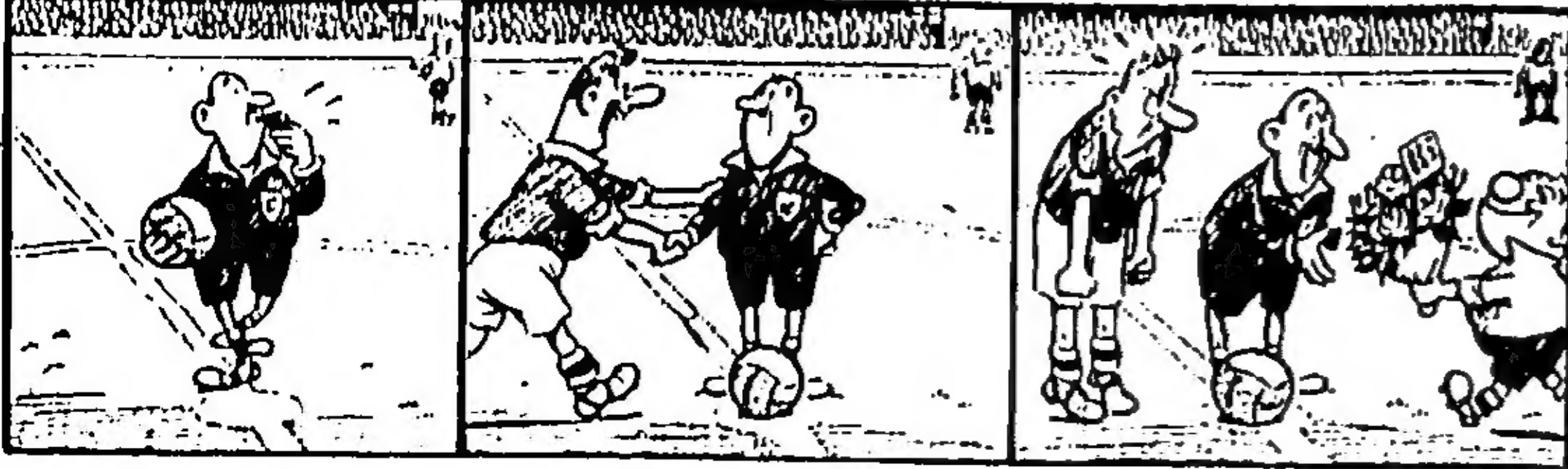
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SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



HOLLYWOOD HEADLINES

FRANKIE SINATRA IS FAST BECOMING VERY MUCH MORE THAN JUST A VOICE

By JENNIFER JOHNS

Hollywood.

There was once upon a time (not so long ago) when, if anyone had asked me to name the star I loved to dislike most, I would have unhesitatingly answered, Frankie Sinatra. The very sound of his voice curdling from a record-player two blocks away would send icebergs down my spine big enough to sink the Titanic all over again.

Today, even though I don't swelter with adoration at the sound of his singing, at least I can forgive for today Mr. F. Sinatra is so very much more than just a voice. Today Mr. Sinatra is fast becoming one of the film world's greatest dramatic stars in recent years.

It all started quite suddenly with his role as a suffering soldier in "From Here to Eternity". It won him awards and applause which had nothing to do with the voice known as the Sinatra voice. Just as suddenly Mr. Sinatra realised that this not the swarming adoration of millions of nobly-spirited was what he wanted.

He found he had something to give that was more than just noise, however skilful. As a result he could hardly wait to find himself another role even more dramatic, even more packed with the drama of nobility than his part in "From Here to Eternity".

As was to be expected Mr. Sinatra did not have to search far. In his new film "Suddenly" (the title is still a mystery) a whole new range of dramatic things happened there that way. Sinatra plays the role of a man with a mission—an assassin hired to kill the President of the United States.

After running into trouble with the censors because of the theme, the script has now been passed on condition that Sinatra is armed only with a repeating rifle and not a machine-gun as originally intended. In the story we look into the mind of the killer and see the unprincipled, ruthless and imperious deeds of a man.

In the film I predict that we will see not only all that, but also an actor whose real genius is only just beginning to rise above the froth of that record-player two blocks away.

A WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE

It's a woman's privilege and June Allyson certainly goes in for it in a big way. Eight months ago she obtained her release from MGM and told reporters: "Now I can retire to my home, husband (Dick Powell) and my children—as I've wanted to do for so long."

Today June is just finishing work on "Strategic Command" (with James Stewart) and when I asked her about home, hubby, etc. she seemed surprised. "But I've seven pictures to make!"

Shelley Winters, currently in Vegas, has been seen making up a new twosome. With newspaperman Sean Flannery. But then, that's the Vegas fashion sensation of the week was Stewart Granger at a luncheon. He wore no coat and had his shirt-tails tied at the waist.

I hear that the Saturday Evening Post offered Clark Gable a fortune for his life-story. Clark, saying No, added that he would rather forego the fortune than talk about his private past. Or future for that matter.

Rita Hayworth should take care or else. Her friends here are more than a little worried about her health. Any moment now it may crack into a nervous breakdown from the troubles that have been piling around her these last few months.

Robert Taylor doesn't like stunt men standing in for him but is now glad that he let one the other day when he came to a glass-breaking scene in the forthcoming "Rogue's Cop". Bob had to smash down a

plate-glass window. The break had been outlined and prepared with a glass cutter and it all looked too easy. —Something went wrong, however, and the glass broke in the wrong places, throwing fragments everywhere. The stunt man was more than cut, and he knew what to do. He just stood by and gulped.

FANCY MAY BE BUSY

In spring a young man's fancy may but the chances are that, hereafter, in Hollywood, his choice will be far for busy looking for a movie contract to worry whether his fancy does or not.

Spring and summer in Hollywood sees hundreds upon hundreds of film-dazzled Beauty contest winners arriving hither to collect the best part of their contest prizes—a small part in an unspectacular film or an interview with a still cameraman. By the autumn and certainly by the winter they will all be back in their hometowns working in the local store and realising that Hollywood is made up of nine-tenths dreaming and one-tenth reality.

Only occasionally is a "Miss Chicago" or a "Miss Charming" of somewhere else lucky enough to take a bite of that one-tenth reality and land a film contract. Even when delectable Myrna Hansen last year won the satisfactory title of "Miss United States" and partook of her trip to Hollywood she only got two picture roles out of it.

She is still hoping for more but she hasn't long to hope. Within a few months this year's "Miss United States" will be winning her way East to start the futile story all over again.

Marilyn had a better idea. Calendars come out at Christmas when there's not so much competition.

SHOOK HIS PAW

I had the honour to shake a paw with Lassie's son, Pal, the other day. I say "honour" because I am constantly amazed by the really genuine genius of such wonder dogs. Pal, for instance, was on the set of "Where the Wind Dies" waiting for his cue. As I strolled in he pricked his ears, growled I wasn't the director, and lost interest. Finally, however, director Alan Dawg came over. To Pal's owner Rudd Weatherwax he gave the instructions:

"I want Pal to spring, right across this room, leap against that door, scratch at it furiously as he stands on his hind legs—and whine all the time."

I watched while Mr. Weatherwax passed the instructions to Pal. I watched carefully. Mr. Weatherwax made exactly two gestures and talked quietly and sensibly for just under a minute. Pal never took his eyes off his master's for a moment.

Then the cameras started rolling. Pal looked up enquiringly. Mr. Weatherwax nodded—and it was all over in just one "take". Pal followed those instructions to the letter. I have seen top-rank stars make twice as much trouble over instructions twice as simple.

FOETESS DUE Sitwell who is credited with saying that she thought Marilyn Monroe the most intelligent person in Hollywood, is expected here shortly to do more scripting for "Fanfare For Elizabeth".

Sheree North says she's broke. "So much so that I've had to borrow money from 20th-Fox." She is under contract to the studio at £200 a week. The studio can afford a loan. Film schedules with outdoor work have been hit badly these past weeks. By fog in the

parts. We have it thick every April and May but the film companies are always taken by surprise.

Still warm (very) is the romance between Audrey Hepburn and Mel Ferrer. Ava Gardner has been in Milan conferring about a possible Italian film on the illicit drug traffic in Europe. The possible title: "Opium in Milan."

St. John Ambulance Orders

Orders issued by Mr. Fung Ping-fan, O.S.T., Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong District, Order No. 20/54, Dated May 20, 1954.

Ambulance Duties—Hongkong.—23.54-25.54, Western Dist. Amb. Div. 30.54-32.54, Kennedy Town Amb. Div. 33.54-35.54, SCOA Amb. Div. 36.54-38.54, HKYMCA Amb. Div. 39.54-41.54, Mong Kok Amb. Div. 42.54-44.54, Shamshuipo Amb. Div. 45.54-47.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 48.54-50.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 51.54-53.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 54.54-56.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 57.54-59.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 60.54-62.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 63.54-65.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 66.54-68.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 69.54-71.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 72.54-74.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 75.54-77.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 78.54-80.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 81.54-83.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 84.54-86.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 87.54-89.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 90.54-92.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 93.54-95.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 96.54-98.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 99.54-101.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 102.54-104.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 105.54-107.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 108.54-110.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 111.54-113.54, Kowloon Amb. Div. 114.54-116.54, Kowloon Amb. 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"FOOCHOW"	Kobe	5 p.m. 21st May
"FENGTIEN"	Kobe	24th May
"FOYANG"	Shanghai	p.m. 24th May

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ARRIVALS FROM		
"CHANGTE"	Kobe	30th May

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Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said

	Loads	Sails
"ANCHISES"	Liverpool & Dublin	23rd May 24th May
"CLYTONUS"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	24th May 25th May
"PYRRHUS"	Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow	5th June 6th June
"AENEAS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	13th June 14th June

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

	Sails	Arrives
"AENEAS"	Liverpool	27th May
"CLYTONUS"	Rotterdam	29th May
"PYRRHUS"	do	6th June
"AENEAS"	do	12th June
"CLYTONUS"	do	22nd June
"PYRRHUS"	do	30th June
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A Hitch In South Africa's New Meadowland Scheme

Johannesburg, May 19.

South Africa's plan to remove compulsorily 70,000 natives from some of Johannesburg's worst slums to a new dormitory town has been temporarily postponed.

The Government had intended to move the first batch to Meadowlands last month, but the Native Affairs Minister, Dr H. F. Verwoerd, said that there would be no removals until 1,000 houses and a school were ready.

Housing experts estimated that the teams of African builders now hastily erecting austerity-type houses at the settlement will take months to reach even this first target.

The Government remains firm in its intention to wipe out Johannesburg's "black spots" of Sophiatown, Newclare and Martindale, which are surrounded by "white areas."

"If the Government's apartheid policy is to have any practical meaning, the natives must be removed from these areas," argues Dr Verwoerd, architect of apartheid.

Anti-government speakers have attacked the scheme,

claiming that it is an ideological luxury, but most Government observers say it cannot be denied that the plan will rid Johannesburg of the squalor and crime which are rampant in the city's slums.

Another aspect of the evacuation is that the rickety, crowded iron and mud shanties in the suburbs may be razed and the district given over to industry.

The new settlement is five or six miles from the city, and was laid out a few months ago. It is being transformed into a town of mass-produced, austere three-roomed houses with communal taps and rough roads.

Here, 14,000 native families will be transported in fleets of

lorries. The aim is to move them in "village units" of about 1,000 at a time.

The Government has yet to overcome the most serious problem associated with the plan—that of transport for commuters between Meadowlands and Johannesburg.

Nearly all of the men, who will move to Meadowlands, work in city shops, offices and factories and they will have to compete for travelling space in the already vastly overcrowded electric railway system.

Early morning and late afternoon trains are always packed to the luggage racks. Natives fight their way through the doors and windows as the trains move off, and scores ride to work hanging on precariously to the outside of the carriages and even on the buffers.

The thousands of extra Meadowlands commuters will cause chaos on the already choked railway system unless the Government can find a speedy solution to the problem.

Native opinion on their biggest mass removal in the nation's history is divided.

Many welcome the chance to get away from their slum-made filth and squalor to what, for many, will fulfil hopes and long-standing ambitions for a life of decency and contentment.

They believe that the scheme is the first real attempt to tackle the pressing problem of African housing.

Others are bitter because they will have to forfeit freehold rights of land they now occupy, and have been offered only leasehold at Meadowlands by Dr Verwoerd.

Freehold has been offered elsewhere, but the coloured people fear that these areas, as yet undefined, will be too far from the city.—United Press.

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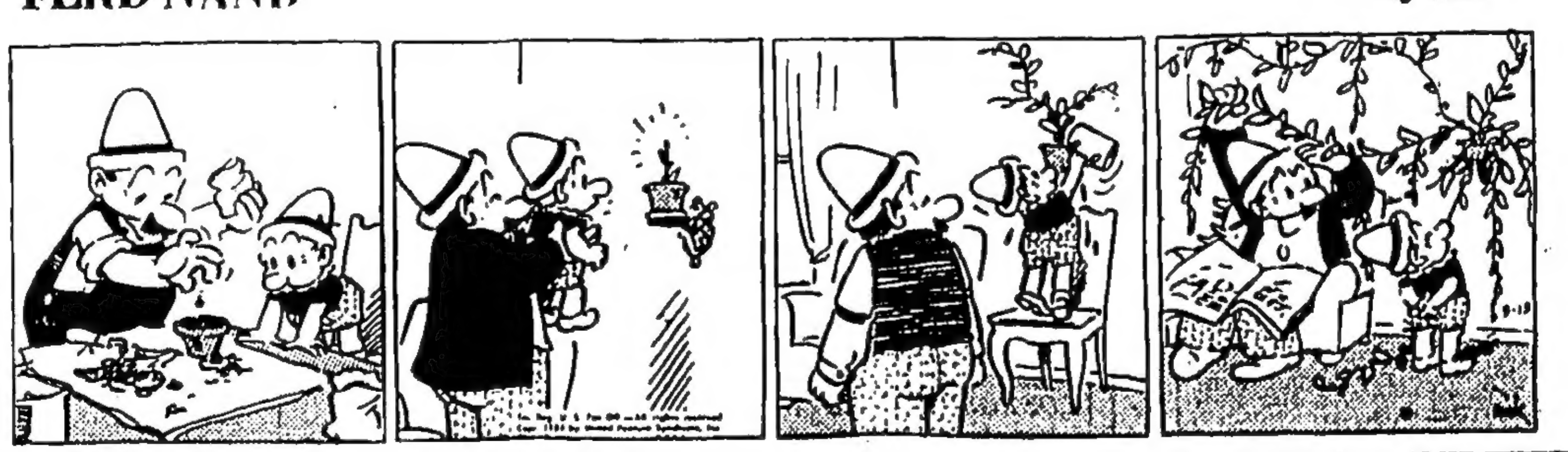
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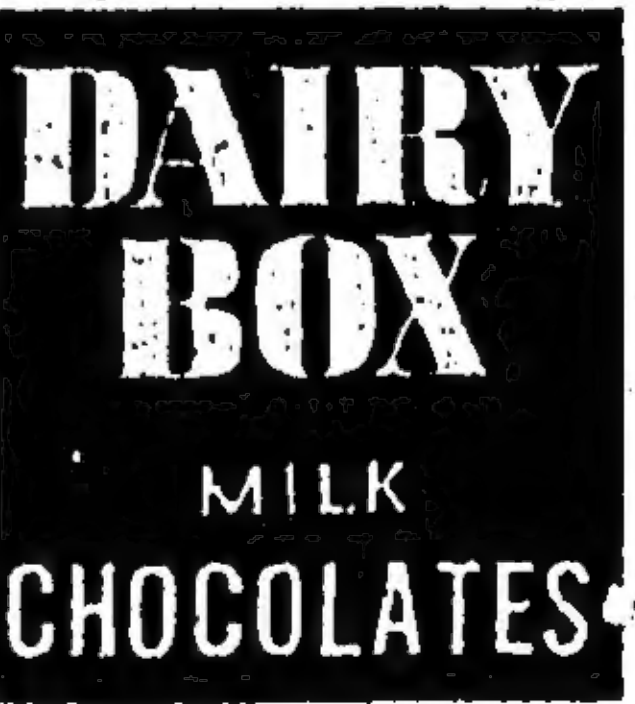
Plan For Part-Time Clergy

London, May 19. Conditions under which part-time clergymen might be employed by the Episcopal Church in Scotland are contained in a resolution which will be submitted to the annual meeting of the Representative Church Council in Dundee, beginning today.

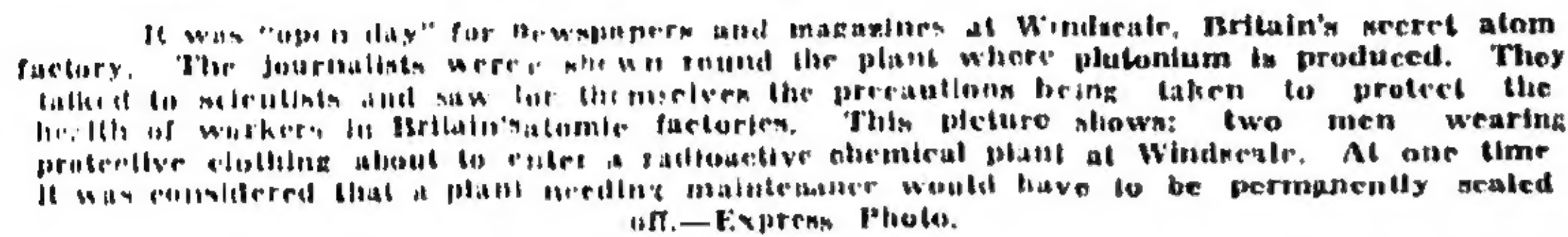
The resolution is submitted by the Joint Clergy Sustentation and Home Mission Funds Board. They propose that the part-time clergyman shall be licensed, not instituted, on first appointment he shall receive remuneration approximating to what is normally paid to a priest taking Sunday duty—say £3. 3s. a week, or £2. 2s. if he occupies the rectory; and that the Joint Board shall at the first opportunity study each individual appointment, and if a grant is necessary, make particular provision for it.

They also propose that until such particular provision has been made by the Joint Board, the charge shall be entitled to receive such financial assistance as is at present allowed for the provision of services during a vacancy; and that the part-time clergyman will be expected to rely on the provision made in his secular calling for his own and his widow's pensions.

But the appropriate committees might consider whether he could be given the option of buying himself into the clergy schemes. With regard to clergymen undertaking part-time secular work the Board proposes, "If the permission of the Bishop has been given, and the approval of the Vestry obtained, each individual case shall be reported to the Joint Board for its separate consideration. The approval of the Bishop and the Vestry shall be renewed each year."



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**A Review Of Burma Under The Japanese, By
Prime Minister Thakin Nu (Macmillan, London)**

out to shoot at. But just as I was
going to fire the snake shook
itself free and disappeared. They
say that a man who wants to
rule must learn to be tough and
that is certainly true of politicians
and especially of revolutionary
politicians. So what hope is there
for a man who is always hesitat-
ing?

Simple, Lucid

revels every little foible, excusing it only as human folly. Despite his intense hatred of the Japanese oppression he is fair enough to praise generously some of the Japanese officials he was associated with.

He pays eloquent tributes to the rebel Than Tun, Aung San and the Adolph, Dr Ba Maw, head of State in independent

Winding up the debate, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher, said: "It would be quite impossible for the Church itself to become a negotiating body in the politics of the matter. It is for the Church to represent restraint and to show the fundamental view that the Church is not alarmed for itself because its hopes are not and never were in this world."

The resolution was carried without dissent.

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—United Press.

Starling notes (per \$1)	19.75
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	24.50
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Singapore (Straits)	1.75
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	7.10

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